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## Breakdown Of Peace Negotiations Predicted

# FRENCH TROOPS LAND IN BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

**THE DISCLOSURE THAT MANY FRENCH TROOPS HAVE BEEN LANDED IN BRITAIN, TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT WHATEVER HAPPENS IN FRANCE, AND THAT MEASURES MAY BE TAKEN TO EVACUATE THE FRENCH ARMY RETIRING TO THE BRITTANY COAST TO THE BRITISH ISLES WAS MADE LAST NIGHT.**

In London, as in French political quarters in Bordeaux, there is growing belief that Germany's terms to France will be of so ignominious a nature that the plenipotentiaries will be compelled to reject them.

In this connection, interest has been aroused by the announcement from Bordeaux that M. Baudoin, the Foreign Minister, who made a fighting "no peace without honour" broadcast on Monday, is one of the French plenipotentiaries.

All German and Italian commentators seem to agree that as a result of the Hitler-Mussolini meeting, at which measures to be taken against Britain were agreed, as well as the peace terms for France, important carving-up of the French Colonial Empire will be demanded, together with French surrender of all gold and foreign credits; the surrender by France of all raw materials and military equipment; the guarantee of an immediate resumption of normal industrial activity in France; and a guarantee that France will cooperate with economic, industrial, financial and commercial organizations to be included in the Axis blockade against England for the duration.

It is pointed out that the effect of this would be to compel France to do everything except declare war on Britain.

Meantime, all British troops have now been withdrawn from France, although the R.A.F. is still lending every possible assistance to the French Armies by bombing German concentrations, supply columns and communications in Northern France.—Havas.

### Spanish Reports

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.  
The Valencia radio states that a large fleet of French war planes, mostly bombers, passed over that city in the direction of North Africa yesterday and that several units of the French Navy are also proceeding to France's African colonies.

The Madrid radio states that many French war planes and naval units are proceeding to North Africa, and that, although the number of planes and warships could not be revealed.

**WEATHER FORECAST:**—South-east winds, light to moderate; fall to showery.

## SHANGHAI RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese authorities have no information regarding the alleged presence of 50,000 Wang Ching-wei troops in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, declared the Japanese spokesman at yesterday's press conference.

He added that a further indication of the falseness of the rumour could be found in the progressing increase in the number of troops with each news report.—Havas.

officials are taking no chances of an unconditional French surrender leading to an attempt by Germany and Italy to take over these possessions.—Havas.

## MOSCOW INTERESTED IN CHURCHILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Melbourne, To-day.  
Mr. Churchill's Commons speech was broadcast fully by Radio Moscow, said the announcer of the Melbourne radio last evening.

The broadcast took the place of the usual Russian news transmission, and it was the first time that the speech of a British Minister was broadcast fully over Radio Moscow.—Havas.

## TROOPS MOVE IN E. PRUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Considerable interest is attached here to reports of extensive German troop movements in East Prussia.

According to reports from Kaunas, German concentration is in greatest strength in the vicinity of the Lithuanian border.

It is also reported that the substantial Soviet forces recently moved into Lithuania are concentrated, in the main, near the borders of East Prussia.

There are reports from Poland that the German troops there have been increased by five divisions.—Havas.

## INDO-CHINA MEASURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Saigon, To-day.

It is learned that the Government of French Indo-China has ordered the complete cessation of all freight traffic on the Haiphong-Yunnan Railway, in order to give Japan no excuse for hostile action.

An official decree has been issued calling certain French subjects of military age to the Colours.—Havas.



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## PLANS ADVANCE FOR SENDING CHILDREN TO DOMINIONS

London, To-day.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS in the Commons yesterday about evacuating children to the Dominions, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, said an inter-departmental committee had been set up to consider offers from the Dominions, the United States and elsewhere for the reception of children overseas.

The committee had made its report and the Government had adopted it as a basis of approach to the Dominions Government. The report would be published forthwith.

An executive body, to be called "The Children's Overseas Reception Board," would be immediately established with a secretarial staff to administer the scheme in this country.

Chairman of the Board would be the Dominions Under-Secretary, Mr. Shakespeare, who would answer all questions in Parliament in connection with operation of the scheme. He would be assisted by an advisory council composed of persons with experience in the problems involved.

Lord Snell would act as chairman of the advisory council, and the Parliamentary Secretaries for Scotland, the Board of Education, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Pensions had also agreed to serve on the advisory council.

### Utmost Urgency

The British Government were deeply grateful for the generous offers received from the Dominions and elsewhere to maintain and educate children for the period of the war.

The Government considered the establishment of the necessary machinery for operation of the scheme to be a matter of the utmost urgency.

Preliminary discussions had already taken place with representatives of the Governments of the Dominions and "we have every confidence that the consent of those Governments and their complete co-operation will be forthcoming at an early date." — Reuter.

### South African Plan

Capetown, To-day.

A scheme for offering homes for British children in South Africa has been completed by the Union Government. — Reuter.

Pretoria, To-day.

The Union Government has completed a scheme for the accommodation in the Union of children temporarily evacuated from Britain and for the adoption of orphans from Allied countries by Union nationals. — Reuter.

### Ottawa's Invitation

Ottawa, To-day.

The Minister of Mines told the

House of Commons yesterday that a general invitation had been extended to Britain to send children between the ages of five and 18 to Canada. He added that a substantial number of British schoolchildren would come to Canada soon to complete their education.

The Premier stated that the Canadian Government was trying to meet Britain's wishes in order of preference and arrangements were being made for the shipment of prisoners. — Reuter.

### Aliens May Go To Canada

Ottawa, To-day.

Canada has undertaken to receive aliens at present interned in Britain and prisoners of war, announced the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, yesterday. He added he learned through conferences with British officials that Britain wanted first to evacuate internees because they might cause disturbances in the event of an invasion, then prisoners of war and lastly children. — Reuter.

## MUNITIONS FROM SOVIET?

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons yesterday whether he would consider opening up negotiations with Russia for the purchase of tanks, aeroplanes, guns and other weapons of war, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the questioner could rest assured the Government were bearing this possibility in mind. — Reuter.

### EARL OF ATHLONE TO TAKE OATH

Ottawa, To-day.

The Earl of Athlone, who was accompanied by Princess Alice, has arrived here and will be installed as Governor-General at a special ceremony in the Senate and Chamber on Friday. — Reuter.

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## MAN IN THE STREET RENAMES CHURCHILL

The man in the street has nicknamed aggressive Prime Minister Winston Churchill "Winnie."

But for telephone operators Mr. Churchill has a private nickname—"Mister Winch."

He combined the first letters of his two names for a "nom-de-phone" to deceive wire-tappers, it was disclosed.

Now he may have to coin another.

## SEQUEL TO ACCIDENT

Mr. P. Edwards, of No. 4, Hillwood Road, was fined \$15 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when summoned for failing to produce his driving licence when requested and for driving without due care and caution.

It was alleged that Mr. Edwards collided with a taxi on May 26 when turning his car outside the Star Ferry. He was asked by a constable for his licence, but at that time, failed to produce it.

Stating that she had been prevented from leaving the shop in which she was shopping during a downpour, Mrs. E. K. Sequeira, of No. 16, Jordan Road, was fined \$4 for parking her car in Shanghai Street longer than necessary on May 28 between 12.20 p.m. and 12.39 p.m.

## WENT TO FIND A JOB

Twelve-year-old Miss Lau Mo-chi, niece of Mr. Lau Tak-po, of the Hong Kong and Yau-mati Ferry Company, Limited, who "disappeared" on Monday morning, was found at 5 p.m. yesterday.

The girl ran away "to find work" and was not kidnapped as was at first suspected.

She has been sent back to her parents.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure continues highest over the Pacific to the east of the Bonins and is relatively low over China generally.

## GRIM STORY OF FATAL BEATING OF A THIEF

At the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Fung Mun, a junk foki, was charged with the manslaughter of Cheng Kwai on April 15.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, assistant Crown Counsel assisted by Sergeant N. B. Fraser prosecuted.

The jury was composed of Messrs. G. P. Charlton (foreman), S. E. Lavroo, L. A. Lee, Lau Chan-fan, Hsu Ping-hsun, Cheng Yuk-sing and F. C. Samy.

Mr. Murphy said accused was a foki on a cargo boat. On the day his boat was tied to another which in turn was tied to the Wo Shing Wharf at Yau-mati.

The mistress of the boat, accused and another foki, Kong Fook, slept on board. At about 2.45 a.m., the mistress went on deck and saw a strange man (deceased) at the stern of the boat, presumably a thief. The mistress shouted and accused came on deck and caught hold of the man and took him on the wharf, at the same time calling out "Beat him." Kong Fook, the other foki, would say that he saw accused strike the man. On the wharf, accused was seen to strike deceased six or seven times and he was joined by others.

After a while, accused returned to the boat, and returned with a piece of wire rope with which he began striking deceased. He stopped when told to by the others. Accused then returned to the boat and came back with tar and proceeded to smear the deceased's face and chest. Accused and another then pulled him to his feet and tied his wrists with rattan. A bamboo pole was passed under his arm pits and he was carried to a piece of open ground and dumped.

Deceased was found at about 5 a.m. by a watchman and taken to hospital but he died at 9.15 p.m. the same day.

Dr. E. L. Gosano would say that the cause of death was multiple fracture of the ribs and rupture of the liver and spleen.

Accused denied that he beat deceased but the watchman would say that when he brought the deceased back to the boat, he asked if the man was a thief. Accused replied that it was he who had beaten deceased but others had done so too.

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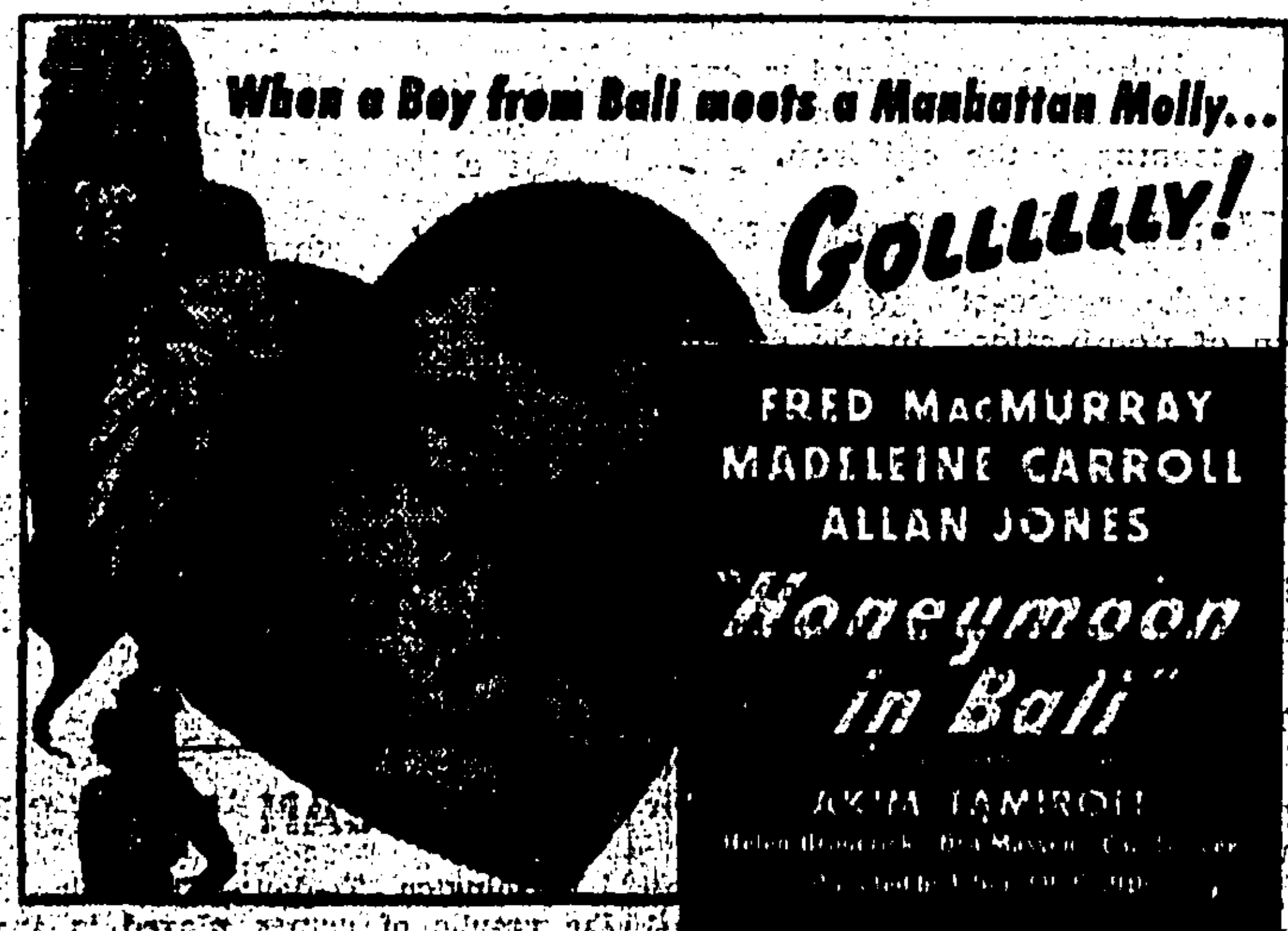


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# NAZI PLOT TO SEIZE POWER IN URUGUAY

## BRITAIN'S AIRCRAFT POSITION

London, To-day.

"Aircraft production in this country in every category has since May 10 exceeded the total casualty list, including casualties sustained through accident at home," said Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, in a statement to Reuter yesterday.

"Aircraft available of every type now in use exceeds the number of machines at the disposal of the Air Force when the battle broke out.

"In addition to production, repairs have replenished stocks. There are now on hand a very good surplus stock of engines.

"The public should give thanks for this immense effort to all aircraft factories and engine shops and their workers who have striven by night and day without time for recreation, without any regard for pleasures and amenities.

"Their conduct is beyond praise. We can place our future in their keeping with confidence."—Reuter.

## NEW DEFENCE AREA

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that a strip of country from the Wash to Rye, extending about 20 miles inland, has been declared a defence area and visitors, including holiday makers, who cannot prove they are there on business or for other good reasons, will be told to leave.—Reuter.

## PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE PLANNED

Washington, To-day.

It is officially announced that the United States has informed the Pan-American Republics that present conditions necessitate an early meeting. Replies have already been received from 13 Republics.

The meeting may held at Havana.—Reuter.

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## Gestapo And Motor-Cycle Units Prepared!

Montevideo, To-day.

A REPORT TO THE CHAMBER of Deputies by the special committee investigating Nazi activities in Uruguay says the existence of a complete plan for the seizure of power by Fifth Column by military action has been proved.

The report says a Gestapo (secret police) organisation and a motor-cyclist corps ready for immediate conversion to military use was in existence and there was regular military training for all Nazi supporters in Uruguay.

It declares the Nazi regime attached strategic importance to Uruguay for the domination of the southern part of South America.

It is further stated that the German Legation abused its diplomatic immunity by participating in the political direction of all Nazi activities and organisations in Uruguay.

The Legation is alleged to have directed Nazi propaganda and by the use of diplomatic privileges to have smuggled propagandist matter against countries in friendly relations with Uruguay.

Quantities of films are also said to have been clandestinely imported.

### Everything Arranged

The division of properties and the appointment of German officials were included in the plan, all opposition to which was to have been suppressed by violence.

Many Uruguayans, particularly of German descent, are declared in the report to be deeply compromised in the plot.

The Chamber sat in secret on the report until 5 o'clock in the morning and then adjourned until Monday.—Reuter.

## UNITED STATES WARNING

Washington, To-day.

The State Department has ordered the United States representatives in Berlin and Rome to notify the German and Italian Governments of United States opposition to the transfer of any Western Hemisphere possessions from one non-belligerent to another.

The Governments of Britain, France and the Netherlands have been similarly notified.—Reuter.

## BLOOM A LA LAMP

Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Sam McDaniel planned to show a particular peony bloom in Atlanta's Flower Show but persistent cold weather kept the flower from opening.

On the eve of the judging, husband Sam came to the rescue. He focussed his sun lamp on the tardy plant, sat up nearly all night, blowing gently on the bud.

Came down and an opening bloom. Came the show and a prize for Mrs. McDaniel.

## FRENCH NAVAL POSITION

London, To-day.

A national defence communique broadcast over the French wireless states that maritime communications in the western Mediterranean are ensured.

It also states that during the first week of the war with Italy several Italian submarines were sunk in the Mediterranean, particularly by the mine-sweeper La Curieuse, which shelled and boarded a submarine, and by the Fleet Air Arm.

The announcer added: "As reprisals for the enemy's air actions on islands off our coast of Tunisia and Corsica, naval and aerial actions took place against military and industrial objectives."—Reuter.

## WAR CABINET APPROVES SHIPPING OF 20,000 CHILDREN

London, To-day.

THE WAR CABINET HAS approved the large scale plan to evacuate the children of Britain to a safe refuge in the Dominions, as outlined in the report of the inter-departmental committee, as stated by Mr. Attlee in the Commons yesterday. If arrangements can be made with the Governments concerned (whose generous offers are warmly acknowledged) it is intended to deal almost immediately with 20,000 children, of whom 10,000 are expected to go to Canada, 5,000 to Australia and the remainder to New Zealand and South Africa.

The report states many offers have been received from the United States but no scheme has yet been devised to send children there.

Negotiations with the Dominions are now proceeding with the object of establishing machinery both here and in reception areas at the earliest possible moment.

Central organisations will be established in receiving countries.

The scheme at present is confined to schoolchildren who have reached five years but under 16, and is based on the principle that parents would not accompany the children.

### Nomination System

It is also proposed to include a system of nomination in the scheme, as many persons overseas who might be prepared to receive the children of friends or relatives might not be prepared to receive the children of persons unknown to them.

It is not intended that children should be sent to public institutions. Children will be escorted during the voyage.

As soon as possible after the war evacuated children will receive their passage back.

Children travelling under the scheme will get a free passage but parents are expected to contribute towards the expense. No enquiry will be made where parents are prepared to contribute a minimum of 8/- a week. They will be asked to pay more if able. Parents who can make

their own arrangements to evacuate their children overseas will be required to obtain permission before sending them away.

### Allies Too

It is proposed to include Allied refugee children within the scheme.

Applications for these children should be made by the respective consular authorities to the Overseas Reception Board.

It is hoped it may be possible later on to arrange passages for war widows with children.

All children will be medically examined before they leave so as to ensure them passing the medical examination of the Dominions.

It is hoped shortly to announce the Dominion Governments' approval of the scheme and that it will be possible to make similar arrangements with the United States from which a number of offers from organisations and private individuals have been received to look after the children during the war.—Reuter.

## AMERICAN BASEBALL

Washington, To-day.—The following were the results of games played in the Major Leagues yesterday.

American League:—New York 0, Chicago 1; Washington 1, Cleveland 4; Philadelphia 4, Detroit 6; (10 innings); Boston 4, St. Louis 6; Philadelphia 4, Detroit 8.  
National League:—Pittsburg 5, Boston 1.—Reuter.



## FAMINE HORRORS IN FEW MONTHS

London, To-day. WITHIN FOUR MONTHS, Germany is likely to bring the horrors of famine to her own people and to the peoples of the countries she has invaded, an authoritative London statement said yesterday.

Harvest prospects in Europe are "bad to moderate." Food shortage has followed in each country Germany has invaded, the Germans seizing all available supplies of food for their war machine.

The Allies did not expect any alarming crisis in Germany this year, but the hard winter and the prospective poor harvest would seem to bring it sooner than was thought possible.

Germany, which imports most of her food and feeding stuffs, is expected to face a food shortage this winter. The German potato crop is failing because of attacks by the Colorado beetle.

Denmark's pig industry is almost wiped out and at least one-third of her cattle is to be slaughtered this summer.

The situation is critical in Norway and Belgium.

### Italy's Position

Italy has always been a heavy importer of food and for 10 years now she has been steadily lowering her standard of living.

In a few months, appeals for food for the starving public will probably be directed to North and South America. These can well be part of a Nazi plan to get food on humanitarian grounds and use it for keeping the war machine going.

Even if France capitulates, the Allied blockade will prevent Germany from adding to needed sources of supply.—Reuter.

Evidence that Germany appreciates the gravity of the situation is already forthcoming in appeal made from occupied countries for food help from overseas neutrals. Economic experts forecast that Germany will encourage propaganda in this direction and that appeals on humanitarian grounds will in due course be addressed in particular to American countries.

With this prospect in view and the likelihood that Germany will endeavour to saddle the British blockade with the responsibility, it is important to recall that prior to the blitzkrieg there was no interference with the import to neutral countries of adequate normal food supplies.

### Will Suffer First

Under present conditions these countries are likely to suffer first and most seriously.

Indeed no crisis of an alarming character is expected in Germany itself this year although the eventual breakdown of its food supplies is now thought to be much nearer than originally expected.

The position in the occupied countries is already acute. In Belgium it is described as desperate and genuine famine conditions are likely to appear within two months. There is a sharp food shortage locally in Norway especially in towns.

### Nazi Robbery

The problem is rendered more difficult by the robbery of food stocks to supply Germany's home needs, for in the occupied countries there is normally not enough to go round without overseas imports.

A further consideration must be taken into account. Even if Germany is willing to allow the dominated peoples to starve, the problems of pestilence and despairing revolt still remain.

Italy is unable help as her needs are as acute as Germany's and conditions in Italy have deteriorated in the last ten years to the point where ration standards are now lower than Germany's own.—British Wireless.

Mr. Gardiner, of No. 103, Austin Road, has reported that clothing valued at \$100, which was hanging on the roof of his residence, was stolen yesterday afternoon.

## MILITARY SERVICE IN COLONIES

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary of the Colonies made a statement in the Commons yesterday on legislation providing for compulsory military service in the colonies.

Such legislation, he said, existed in the Solomon Islands, Ceylon, the Falkland Islands, Fiji, the Gilbert and Ellis Islands, Hong Kong, Kenya, Uganda, Malaya, Northern Rhodesia and so forth, and proposals were now under consideration for similar legislation in four West African colonies.

It had not so far been found necessary to introduce legislation of this kind in other portions of the Colonial Empire.

Answering Dr. L. Haden Guest (Labour), who asked whether this applied to the Protectorates (he mentioned part of Nigeria was a protectorate), the Under-Secretary said he would look into that matter.—Reuter.

## REFUGEES REACH SWITZERLAND

Montreux, To-day.

Many French refugees, including women, children and old men, have arrived in Switzerland in the past two days, as well as several hundred French troops who were disarmed and interned.—Reuter.

## EX-ROYALTY CROSS INTO SPAIN

Madrid, To-day.

Among those who crossed the French frontier into Spain at Irún yesterday on the way to Portugal were ex-Empress Zita of Austria and her son, Prince Otto, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, Prince Francisco of Bourbon-Parma and Princesses Maria and Isabel, and the Dowager Duchess Maria Antonia of Bourbon-Parma.—Reuter.

## TO SUPPORT BRITAIN TO THE END

Wellington, To-day.

The people of New Zealand will support Britain to the very end, Mr. Fraser said yesterday. They believe that with the immense resources of the Empire victory can be finally achieved.

He told Parliament that the British people are determined to continue the fight not only because it is the right thing to do but also because they are confident they can succeed. New Zealand joined with the other members of the Commonwealth in pledging herself to that end.

The battle about to begin was one which the British people were proud to fight, Mr. Fraser said, and New Zealand was still prouder to associate herself with them in this grave and fateful hour.

"All I can say now is that the people of New Zealand will not fail," he concluded.—Reuter.

## MORE EVACUATIONS

London, To-day.

It is announced that a further 3,000 children from east and south-east coast towns will be evacuated next week to safer areas in the Midlands, Monmouthshire and Glamorgan.—Reuter.

## OFF THE RECORD

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## ADEQUATE FOOD STOCKS

London, To-day.

An assurance that stocks of food in this country were adequate and that the supply of essential foodstuffs was ensured for weeks and weeks, even if nothing entered the country, was given by Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, in his maiden speech in the House of Lords yesterday.

He said iron rations for use in a great emergency were disposed in secret places up and down the country and all round large centres of population other rations had been prepared for use in the event of a rush evacuation.

Lord Woolton mentioned that the Food Ministry had a turnover of £600,000,000 a year. The staff of 23,000 included many heads of businesses who had accepted comparatively minor positions for war work. The Ministry had 17 main divisions and 1,500 sub-divisions.

Food manufacturers in Great Britain were prepared to produce foods without any profit — for some portion of their production — if these could be distributed to the poorest section of the community without undue charges.—Reuter.

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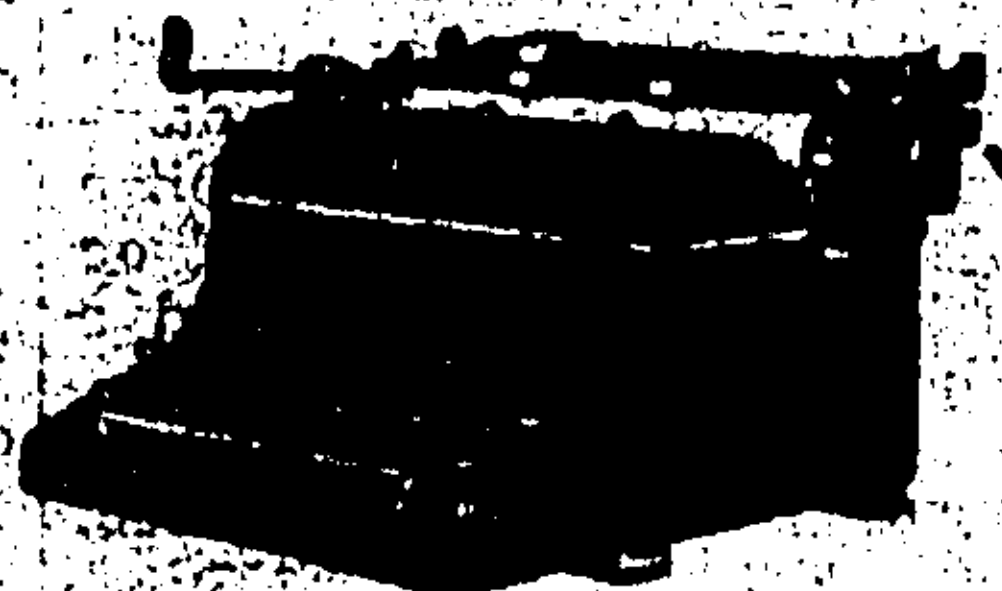
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## Grim Stories Of First Serious Raid On Britain

### Hundred Planes Take Part

London, To-day.

**ABOUT 100 GERMAN 'PLANES** took part in the four hours' raid on Britain early yesterday. Seven bombers were destroyed and it is likely that more came down in the sea, although final figures are not yet known.

Most of the casualties were in a Cambridgeshire town when eight houses in a row were flattened by two bombs.

In one raid, 40 planes came over in relays of about 15 minutes. They were immediately met by heavy anti-aircraft fire lasting for two hours. Altogether, 10 or 11 counties were affected.

Broken timber and rubble is all that is left of the eight houses in the Cambridgeshire town, where nine lives were lost.

The houses were completely shattered by the bombs, one of which made a direct hit, and windows, chimneys and roofs for some distance around were smashed.

When one couple were dug out of the debris they were still in the bed-clothes.

Another couple escaped—but their little daughter was killed.

The husband said that he, his wife and daughter went downstairs and stayed there for a quarter of an hour. Then they went back to bed—fortunately, for the room was later completely wrecked.

His wife and he got into bed, with the child in a cot beside them. Suddenly, there was a whistle and a boom, and the house was wrecked around them.

#### Waited Under Debris

He protected his wife as best he could and calmed her down, and they waited till they heard voices. When they were dug out, he and his wife were only scratched, but their little girl was killed.

German planes flew over a Thames Estuary town for several hours and a hospital there had its first test of working while bombs were dropping in the vicinity. With one exception, everyone was magnificent.

Nurses, doctors and the whole hospital staff kept calm, some of the nurses going round to the various wards, calming the patients, some of whom were very ill.—Reuter.

#### Pipeline Fire

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry states further reports of Tuesday night's air raids on Britain confirm that although a large number of enemy aircraft were employed and many bombs were dropped, little damage was done.

Several R.A.F. aerodromes were attacked without success but some damage was done by a bomb which hit a pipeline leading to an oil wharf on the Thames Estuary. This caused a fire which was soon extinguished.

As far as can be ascertained, casualties total 12 killed and 30 injured.—Reuter.

#### Moonlight's Aid

Bright midsummer moonlight helped the R.A.F. Fighter Command and the A. A. defences. The majority of the enemy aircraft brought down, most of them Heinkel 111s, crashed in the areas of East Anglia and Kent, some falling on land, some just off the coast.

A Fighter Command pilot who had his first success shortly before one a.m. while patrolling over the Thames Estuary, saw a twin-engine

enemy bomber caught by a searchlight. Climbing rapidly, he attacked.

Riddled by his machinegun bullets, the bomber crashed in flames in Essex. One of the crew was seen to jump by parachute.

A few minutes later, the same pilot saw another German bomber held by a searchlight beam over the Thames Estuary, its black crosses clearly lit up. Again he climbed, engaged the enemy and again the bomber crashed in Essex.

One Blenheim shot down a Heinkel III over Norfolk.

#### Blenheim In Action

Further south, another Blenheim was having a fight with a Heinkel III as they dodged in and out of searchlight beams over the Suffolk coast.

The Blenheim gunner hit the enemy with two bursts of bullets and put his port engine out of action.

Although the Blenheim's petrol tank was hit, the pilot managed to bring his aircraft safely back to its base.

At three a.m., R.A.F. fighters attacked a Heinkel bomber caught by a searchlight over Kent. Trying to escape, the Heinkel jettisoned some thirty small bombs before it was shot down off Margate. Three members of its crew were taken prisoner.

People in Cambridgeshire villages watched three German airmen descend in the moonlight by parachute after their Heinkel had been destroyed by an R.A.F. fighter. They and other German airmen whose aircraft had been shot down were made prisoners in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent.—British Wireless.

## GARDEN RD. ACCIDENT

Mr. Oswald Cedric Womack, of No. 461, East, The Peak, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for obstructing a Police Officer in Garden Road on June 12.

Traffic-Inspector S. C. Saunders, said that at about 3.40 p.m. on June 12, Police Constable D97, was at the junction of Lower Albert Road and Garden Road.

Defendant was standing at the bus-stop near the Volunteer Headquarters. A bus came down Garden Road with the "Bus Full" sign showing and continued without stopping. Defendant then went across the road and talked to the constable in English. Later, he snatched the stick from the constable and began directing the traffic. When the constable snatched the stick back, defendant continued directing the traffic using his umbrella.

When the constable stood in front of him, defendant poked the constable with the umbrella.

Defendant was fined \$100.

## ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK BY BOMBS

London, To-day.

An Italian submarine was sighted in the Mediterranean yesterday by two R.A.F. fighters. They radioed their base and a Blenheim bomber came streaking out, to drop several bombs all around it.

British naval craft which later arrived on the scene reported that the submarine had been sunk.—Reuter.

## AIR RAIDS RENEWED LAST NIGHT

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that at midnight, enemy aircraft crossed the coast at many points along the whole length of the East Coast.

Warnings were sounded at a score of different points in England as well as in an area on the east coast of Scotland.

Searchlights are searching the skies for the raiders and fighter planes have been sent up.—Reuter.

## 250 BOMBS ON BREMEN IN TEN MINUTES

London, To-day.

**THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES** that oil supply centres, railway marshalling yards, power stations and rail communications in many parts of north-west Germany and the Rhineland were attacked on Tuesday night by heavy bomber squadrons of the R.A.F.

Targets near Hamburg, Bremen, Frankfurt, Essen, Castrop, Sterkrade and Hanover were heavily bombed in the face of strong opposition from anti-aircraft guns and searchlight batteries of the ground defence systems.

**At Bremen, more than 250 bombs were dropped within 10 minutes, causing heavy explosions among oil tanks and starting numerous explosions.**

Hamburg was subjected to a series of raids which began shortly after midnight and lasted until near dawn.

Salvos of bombs repeatedly straddled a large oil depot near the docks, and fires kindled by earlier attackers became so widespread that the blaze could be seen by our home-ward aircraft as they crossed the German coast 80 miles distant.

At Castrop, to the north-west of Dortmund, high explosive bombs fell on a petroleum refinery. Flames were immediately seen to break out and after one raider had left the target, the tail gunner, looking back, saw a huge explosion take place.

#### Systematic Attacks

Storage tanks at Misburg, close to Hanover, were also systematically bombed.

A direct hit on a large building in the centre of the target, believed to have been a power-house, resulted in an explosion which was felt by the crew of the aircraft flying 10,000 feet above.

Here, too, fierce fires which broke out could be seen by the raiding crews long after they had left the target area.

Another power house is thought to have been destroyed in the course of an attack on oil tanks at Sterkrade, north of Duisburg, where the British bombers pressed home their attack despite intense anti-aircraft fire from many powerful ground batteries situated round the target. Shell splinters pierced the wings and fuselages.

Several other sections of night raiders with railway communications in

the Rhineland and Ruhr as their objectives attacked marshalling yards, railway junctions and supply trains.

#### Goods Trains Hit

Three goods trains were hit by bombs at Soest, while a fourth, believed to have been loaded with munitions, was struck by three bombs. Explosions at once broke out among the waggons.

Other military objectives attacked during the night included the power station at Shillau, in Hamburg, and a large munition works at Cologne, which was set alight and left with flames blazing several hundred feet high.—Reuter.

## TOMMY GUNS FOR BRITISH ARMY

London, To-day.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, was asked in the Commons yesterday whether he would take steps to purchase from the United States large numbers of sub-machine-guns known as tommy guns, and also manufacture them in this country.

Mr. Morrison said steps had been taken in this matter.

He also had already in hand the matter of the manufacture on an extensive scale of small hand grenades for use against invaders from the air and also heavy hand grenades for use against tanks.—Reuter.



# GERMAN EFFORT TO SECURE CHANNEL COAST

**BORDEAUX, TO-DAY.**

**THE GERMANS ARE PUSHING WESTWARDS, APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO SEIZE THE WHOLE CHANNEL COAST SO AS TO INCREASE THEIR THREAT TO BRITAIN, DECLARES AN AUTHORITY COMMENTARY ON THE MILITARY SITUATION.**

It says the enemy is putting pressure on the 1st French Army Group in the region of Rendeux in the direction of St. Malo.

## ITALIAN MINISTER LEAVES EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

The Italian Minister to Egypt left yesterday, together with 200 other Italians. At the same time, Egypt protested to Italy against recent frontier incidents in which there were some Egyptian casualties.

In the meanwhile, civil defence precautions have been intensified. Already, 9,000 have registered for free evacuation from Cairo and many thousands have already left Alexandria.

Belgians in Egypt are being sent to the Belgian Congo for service there. —Reuter.

Cairo, Yesterday.

Count Mazzolini, the Italian Minister to Egypt, left yesterday for Italy with the Legation staff, consular officials and many other Italians. —Reuter.

## CAUGHT ON REBOUND

The proprietress of Harbour View and Arlington Hotels, Mrs. Gardiner, was the complainant in a case before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning when Ho Man-hung, 25, store-coolie on board a Blue Funnel liner, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and 10 strokes for snatching a handbag.

Accused was originally charged with robbery with violence, but the charge was amended at the request of Det.-Sgt. Nolan.

It was alleged that accused struck Mrs. Gardiner on the face and snatched her bag at 9.30 a.m. on May 1 when she was coming out from the Harbour View Hotel.

Accused left the Colony for Singapore on board a vessel in which he obtained employment a few hours after the incident.

When the ship returned on June 11 accused was arrested.

## U.S. CAMPAIGN AGAINST FIFTH COLUMNISTS

Washington, To-day.

In connexion with the recent order forbidding amateurs to communicate by wireless with foreign governments, approximately 100,000 wireless operators, both amateur and commercial, have been ordered by the Federal Communications Commission to submit proof of their United States citizenship.

This proof will be required in the form of an affidavit, finger-prints and photographs, and must be given before August 15 next. —Reuter.

Fighting continues in the region of Avranches, east of Mont Saint Michel.

The Germans succeeded in occupying several bridgeheads on the Loire between Orleans and Nevers, but generally the French are holding on the Loire.

The situation in the region from Nevers and Sancerre to the Swiss frontier is very confused and French resistance is very weak.

Enemy columns are marching on Bourges and considerable forces are being thrown into the valley aiming to take Lyons from the rear.

The Army of the East continues to fight and the Army of the Alps has not yet had to defend itself against German or Italian attacks. —Reuter.

### French Communique

Bordeaux, To-day.

A communique states that in Brittany the enemy is pushing forward in the direction of Nantes.

To the south of the middle Loire our troops withdrew.

Further east the enemy pushed elements in the direction of Laon, Lyons and Amberg.

Operations continue in Alsace and south Lorraine. — Reuter.

### Isolated Armies Continuing The Fight

Bordeaux, To-day.

"Our isolated armies continue to fight with unequalled energy," declares an authoritative commentary on the French war communique.

Each army retains its cohesion and is fighting day after day without respite against forces superior in numbers and material.

They have sustained losses through enemy fire and fatigue but their morale remains splendid and they are desperately resisting the enemy's advance, while each army is manoeuvring its retreat in the direction laid down for it.

### Rearguard Actions

The Army of the West is withdrawing partly into Brittany and partly south of the lower Loire and is fighting rearguard actions.

The armies which were fighting round Paris gave battle on the middle Loire. Then, obeying orders, they continued to move southward to more favourable positions.

The armies in Champagne, outflanked on either side by German armoured divisions, tried to break through in the direction of Dijon.

### Squares Stand Up

The armies of Lorraine formed their battalions into squares and are standing up to the enemy who continues to attack ceaselessly from east, north and west, and are progressing step by step from west of the Vosges towards the south in an effort to break through the enemy grip.

The army of Alsace is also making its way through the enemy forces. — Reuter.

### OPENLY PRO-ALLY

Montevideo, To-day.

President Baldomir, in an unexpected broadcast last evening, declared Uruguay's future would be entirely and openly pro-Ally. — Reuter.

## HEROIC EFFORTS NOT IN VAIN

London, To-day.

"In the dark hour through which we are now passing, France retains the certainty that the heroic efforts of the Allied armies will not have been in vain and that in them lies an assurance of the future freedom of Europe," said President Lebrun replying to a message from Queen Wilhelmina expressing sympathy and assuring the French President of her "unshakeable faith in the complete resurrection of France." — Reuter.

## RAID ON ITALIAN POST

Nairobi, To-day.

A communique says that at dawn on Tuesday a raid was carried out against an Italian post at El War, on the Italian Somaliland frontier, by troops of the King's African Rifles supported by the Southern Rhodesian contingent of the R.A.F.

Although full details are not available considerable damage was done to the post. The enemy was obviously surprised and later counter-attacked our troops who, after completing their task, withdrew over the border. Our reported casualties are two African ranks.

On withdrawing, our troops were bombed by two Italian Caproni aircraft but so far no damage whatsoever is reported.

On the rest of the front all was quiet on Tuesday. — Reuter.

### Action On Libyan Border

London, To-day.

According to Cairo reports, an Italian motor transport column, estimated at four guns, and three hundred infantry in buses escorted by light tanks, was on Monday met by British armoured fighting vehicles.

The ensuing action resulted entirely in favour of the British. — British Wireless.

## MEASURES AGAINST INVADERS

London, To-day.

Proposals for home defence were made at a meeting of 50 Members of Parliament yesterday which passed resolutions suggesting that all means of land defence should be under the control of the Secretary for War.

The War Office should draw up a scheme covering the whole country and providing for an organisation for each parish which will provide men and women and materials for local defence with the best weapons obtainable in the shortest possible time.

The population should be divided into producers and non-producers. The former should carry on with their usual work but would be liable to assist the defence work in their spare time and would be available in an emergency to join a defence organisation.

Non-producers should be available at all times for defence, and if within a week the voluntary system fails to yield the number required, compulsion should be applied.

The meeting also suggested more vigorous counter-espionage measures and the formation of an International Brigade or Foreign Legion in Great Britain. — Reuter.

## R.A.F. ACTIVE OVER FRANCE

London, To-day.

Yesterday R.A.F. bombers carried out a number of reconnaissances over Northern France, Belgium and Holland.

Others attacked columns of motor transport approaching Cherbourg. These were thrown into disorder. Many vehicles were destroyed. All our aircraft returned safely.

Fighter patrols over the Cherbourg area shot down one enemy bomber.

Two of our aircraft failed to return but the pilot of one was seen to make a parachute landing.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked the enemy seaplane base at Helder on the Dutch coast. Large fires were started among the buildings. — British Wireless.



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## The China Mail

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1940.

## NEWS AND PUBLIC MORALE

The dissemination of truth and advice was never more important than at this critical moment in the world's history. Unless the public temper is strong and steered to hear the worst, news of reverses may lead to defeatism which in itself courts defeat at the very outset and in every direction.

If the news is bad and the public morale strong it should lead to greater and more determined effort. People, anxious and worried, are, however, open to all sorts of suggestions and rumours. Nothing, of course, will ever cure mankind of its addiction to passing on stories, but we can at least cultivate a healthy scepticism of ordinary hearsay. It must be remembered that rumours are either malicious and passed along with intent, or that they are always worse than the actual truth and for the most part mischievously misleading.

The truth should be comparatively easy to learn in Hong Kong where the radio and the press are continuously supplied with authentic reports from Britain. The situation is perhaps rendered somewhat difficult by the fact that a large proportion of the Chinese people do not read the British papers—they naturally prefer one in their own language, and rumours sometimes find their way into print which do not tend to quietness or peace of mind.

It was to be regretted that a few days ago an announcement appeared in the Chinese vernacular press that foreigners here were already packing up their homes, dismissing their servants and in general, winding up their affairs preparatory to a hasty departure. This is a favourite way of agitating the civilian population and already, during the past week or so, foreigners have been several times reported as booking their passages to other parts.

As far as can be judged dispassionately nothing of the sort has occurred; from whence such reports emanate can perhaps not be known but at a time like the present, any reports of doubtful authenticity should not appear in print.

That the situation in Europe is serious, no one wants to deny, and as Mr. Duff Cooper said recently: "That they (the people) should know the full truth we believe to be essential at all times. I am confident that the people of this country (Great Britain) will never react towards these facts, however dire and terrible they may be or may appear at first sight, save with confidence and courage."

That is only saying how vital it is that the people should be assisted by the press and wireless to a right understanding of the facts. Senseless and useless publication of rumours is to be deplored at all times. The civilian population has perforce to depend solely on the wireless and the press and the greatest care should be employed in order to avoid harmful and unnecessary uneasiness in the public mind.

## THE PREMIER'S SPEECH

Mr. Churchill, speaking of home defence, promised a secret session: a wise decision, for there are many questions to be asked and many answers to be given that demand secrecy. He treated the general question with that openness of mind that we expect of him. In the German attack on this country, he said, we must be prepared for "every kind of novel strategy and every kind of brutal and treacherous manoeuvre," and he undertook that no idea for defence could be so "outlandish" that it would not be considered with a searching but also, he hoped, a steady eye. The country has indeed to be prepared for novel strategy and tactics, for something that does not merely copy the devices, formidable as they were, that have been used in Norway and Holland. Nothing is more certain than that the Germans have during the last

few years sat down deliberately to think out the means by which to surprise each of their enemies, and especially the British. Only by preparing for the most unlikely events shall we be safe, but in making those preparations we can draw confidence from the proved quality of our men at sea, in the air, and on land, and from the resolute temper of our people in this moment. Mr. Churchill spoke for the whole country when he said that, whatever the odds, we should go on to the end against the power that threatens us with utter destruction. Our undefeated seapower brings us supplies from a large part of the world. Everything depends on the devotion with which our people can give to our fighting men of every kind the essential arms.

## THE IRONSIDES

Mr. Eden's account of the calibre of the guns carried by the troops landed from German aircraft is a reminder of the seriousness of the menace. Troops with heavy machineguns, mortars, and light howitzers require formidable forces to meet and dispose of them. Scratch defence units armed with shot-guns would be no match for them however useful they may be for observation purposes and for dealing with stray parachutists or saboteurs. It is good news therefore that we are to have our "Ironsides," small bodies of highly mobile and strongly armed troops, which will be formed in many hundreds from the Regular Army. This is the obvious counter-measure in a country so widely vulnerable to air attack as we are. Round it we can construct all our local defences. Some obvious steps are now being taken to make landings difficult. Besides the negative one of making Britain anonymous, racecourses are to be intersected by trenches, golf courses and level spaces by iron obstructions. This work must be pushed on without delay and on a much bigger scale than has been so far proposed. Responsibility should be put at once on every local authority to help in the job; to take its men off road work and park-keeping, and to call on volunteer labour. Sparsely populated areas should have the help of the large towns. Manchester, for instance, might well go to the aid of rural Cheshire.

## WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files).

June 20, 1915.

There is growing concern in Norway and Sweden at the sinkings and seizures of their ships by Germany. The Scandinavian press is beginning to ask whether neutrality implies the existence of any treatment the belligerents are pleased to inflict.

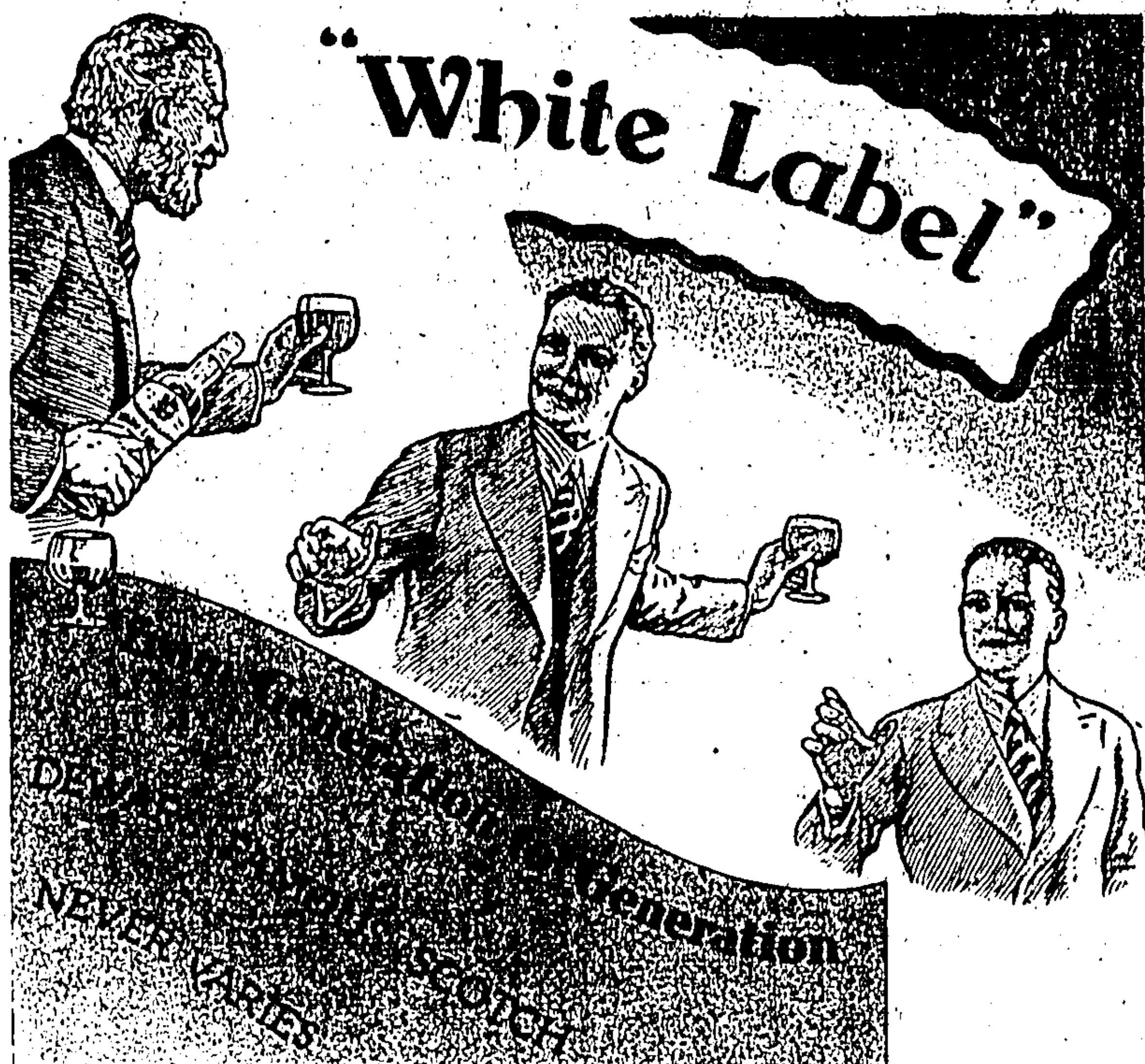
The Serbians are reported to have occupied Durazzo (in Albania) and Essan Pasha is said to have fled to Italy.

The Italians continue to deal successfully with the Austrian counter-attacks in Carnia, although at the cost of serious losses.

Petrograd:—In the various battle areas, with the exception of Galicia, the Russians maintain the upper hand. Progress is being made between the Dniester and the Pruth.

Amsterdam:—The German people are being encouraged to expect great things in Galicia, although they are also warned not to display excessive optimism, as Russia has "human material that can only with difficulty be exhausted."

New York: The U.S.S. Arizona, which is "about the world's biggest battleship," has been launched at Brooklyn. A vessel of 33,000 tons, she carries twelve 14-inch guns.



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# France's Hour Of Destiny: Speculation On Terms FATEFUL PARLEY BEGINS TO-DAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**NOTHING IS YET KNOWN AUTHORITATIVELY OF ANY OF THE TERMS WHICH GERMANY IS PREPARED TO OFFER FRANCE IN REPLY TO HER REQUEST FOR AN ARMISTICE, AND INFORMED QUARTERS INDICATE THAT NO TERMS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED, MERELY THE REQUEST FOR THE DESPATCH OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES.**

Three plenipotentiaries, whose names have not been disclosed, are now on their way and the conference with German representatives will probably take place to-day in Paris or Versailles.

**IT IS CONSIDERED significant, however, that the French Radio, in the last 24 hours, has constantly repeated the assertion that if Germany demands anything undermining the main structure of the French Republic, France will continue the fight.**

A German official announcement says that Italy will not be represented at the Franco-German conference, the explanation being that "Italy's interests will be in very good hands."

It is stated in semi-official quarters in Bordeaux that President Lebrun has received telegrams from Frenchmen all over the world beseeching him to abandon the move for a separate peace and to organise, from outside France, if necessary, measures to continue the struggle against the invader.

Fighting is still going on in Alsace-Lorraine and on the line of the Loire. It is officially announced that German forces are held on the Loire, except at a few places.

Unofficial reports state that the Germans are now within 25 miles of Nantes.

In Alsace, the French are fighting a determined rearguard action, retiring towards the Swiss frontier.—Havas.

## Stefani's Forecast

The Italian "news" agency Stefani says that Hitler is to demand capitulation pure and simple as the only condition on which he will conclude an armistice with France.

His demand that plenipotentiaries with full powers be sent to him is compared in London with the treatment given to Dr. Hacha of Czechoslovakia, when he was bullied all night long until he wearily signed Hitler's terms. Last summer, the Poles refused to send a plenipotentiary because they suspected that Hitler was going to try this again.

The Stefani agency says that France will be completely dismembered and partly occupied until the end of the war with Britain.

Stefani does not reveal the source of this "information" but conceals it under the guise of "a message from Basle," Switzerland.

Signor Gayda writes that although the conditions will be severe as necessary, they will be "more generous than those imposed by the Versailles Treaty on Germany."

## German Radio Gloats

No such pretence is made by the German radio, which gloats over what it calls Germany's chance to get her own back with much more added.

Yesterday afternoon, for instance, the German radio announcer said:—

"France, in the hour of her complete break-down, seems to be expecting generosity and magnanimity from Germany—from us whom she has called beasts in the shape of men and criminals."

The announcer then gave a long list of France's "crimes against Germany" over the past 300 years, extending from the acts of Cardinal Richelieu to the recent "crime" of

deriding the Fuehrer.

## "Political Realism"

"This we must never forget," said the announcer, "particularly now when the decision for centuries is being made."

The only actual hint the announcer gave of the conditions was that "political realism demands that the balance of power between the two countries should be fixed in some proportion to their population."—Reuter.

## "Fair Distribution"

Berlin, to-day.

The conditions offered to France, although severe, will be more fair than those imposed at the end of the last war, states "Giornale d'Italia," commenting on the Munich meeting of the Dictators, according to a Rome despatch received by the official Nazi news agency.

The Italian paper writes: "It must not be forgotten that by the Treaty of Versailles Germany and Austria were deprived of almost ten million people of German blood and that Germany was robbed of all her colonies."

"Nor must it be forgotten that Italy, in spite of its lack of space, also had its colonies wrested from it."

"The new order in Europe will necessarily restore the national unity, fair distribution of overseas possessions and political equilibrium. These are conditions of a long European and world peace."—Reuter.

## AXIS THREAT TO BRITAIN

Zurich, To-day.

All press reports from Rome and Berlin agree that the Axis partners are unlikely to grant France an armistice except on conditions amounting to complete capitulation.

According to Signor Gayda in "Giornale d'Italia," Germany and Italy will now attack Britain with redoubled force.

The Germans will attack in the north while Italy will attack British positions generally in the Mediterranean, Africa and the Near East.

In these areas, he declares, Italy is certain of success whether the United States enters the war or not.—Reuter.

BORDEAUX, TO-DAY.

## ENGLAND CAN'T BE INVADED ON A LEGEND

New York, To-day.

In a long editorial on Britain as the fortress of Europe, the "Herald-Tribune" refers to the legend of German invincibility.

"But nothing on the German side has been able to withstand the British fighter pilots and you can't swim the Channel in armoured columns... the British Isles are now the last outpost of the Western world, the last obstacle between Hitler and world empire."

But its greatest obstacle has yet had to be faced. Even his fanatical and ingenious soldiers are not invincible, for all their triumphs, and you cannot cross from 20 to 200 miles of salt water on a legend —

## S.S. LEADER KILLED IN RAID

Berlin, To-day.

The German news agency announces that Herr Weitzel, Chief of the Düsseldorf police and a high group leader of the S.S., was killed by a bomb splinter in an R.A.F. night raid on the city.—Reuter.

## H.K. AIR MAIL SERVICE TO BE RESUMED

Singapore, To-day.

An air mail service between Australia and South Africa is coming into operation this week-end, connecting with the sea route to the United Kingdom via the Cape.

Planes will fly from Sydney to Durban via Singapore and Cairo, taking 12 days.

The twice-weekly air service between Bangkok and Hong Kong is also being maintained as a connecting service.—Reuter.

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The cunning technique used by the Germans in their invasion of the Low Countries gives many lessons for Britain at a time when it is threatened with similar action. The plans adopted by the invaders were as in the case of Norway and Denmark, long-thought-out and perfectly timed.

The Dutch knew that the attack was imminent from the day of May 7, and they had taken what they considered thorough steps against it. Motor-lorries had been parked along the main roads to prevent aircraft from landing. Aerodromes were made unusable by placing boulders and motor-cars as obstructions. Aircraft were dispersed and camouflaged and anti-aircraft machine-guns were manned in the fields. Sentries were posted in large numbers in the towns.

At 3.30 on the morning of May 10, without previous warning, German aircraft began to bomb the barracks at the Hague. No air-raid alarm was heard. There were some 800 anti-parachute troops on the barracks who had been out on night exercise and had only returned two hours before. Most of them were killed in their beds.

### Perfect Timing

At the same time various aerodromes were bombed. Then transport aircraft (Junkers 52's) came in large numbers escorted by Messerschmitts 110's. They dropped parachute troops all round the Hague.

With perfect timing the invading troops landed in circles, surrounding each of the three aerodromes. At Waalhaven, which has been rendered unusable by the Dutch, the parachutists landed in Dutch and even in British uniforms.

It is now clear that the German action caused the greatest confusion. The Dutch General Staff was so bewildered that it inquired of the British authorities if British troops were being landed. When the Dutch wanted to ask for Belgian mechanised artillery to help recapture a vital bridge their message had to be relayed through London so great was the dislocation. Moreover, British aircraft were fired upon by Dutch anti-aircraft guns. This gives some indication of the havoc that can follow parachute action behind the lines.

### 1,200 Landed At Waalhaven

At Waalhaven the Germans were able to land 1,200 troops before ten o'clock in the morning, in spite of the opposition of the Dutch. The aerodrome remained in German hands and became the main landing point for the invaders. Here, again, the German timing was perfect. When the parachutists and transport troops had done their work squadrons of Heinkels 111's came over the Hague and dropped leaflets upon the population calling the burghers to surrender. They were told that the city was surrounded and that opposition would be futile. This is another weapon—the dissemination of false reports by the seizure of wireless transmitters and by

leaflets — which adds to the bewilderment of the invaded.

On the second day of the invasion a message purporting to come from the General Staff that half of Dolt was in flames led official quarters to dispatch a telegram to that effect. It subsequently proved to be a false message from German sources.

### Well Organised

The Dutch had done well within their numbers, but the first hesitation in seeking help from the Allies and the dislocation of communications and subsequent confusion which robbed them of any direction led to complete defeat. Any suggestion that the whole plan was not thoroughly prepared long in advance has been disproved by abundant evidence received officially in Britain.

Papers of German parachutists examined by the General Staff included a list of Dutch and British who were to be shot at sight. Some of the members of the British Mission were on that list, but they had already left the Hague. The papers were part of the orders to the 22nd Parachute Division. They gave details of the country, the whereabouts of schools for billeting, details of the Queen's movements, of her guard, the position of the telephone kiosks, and other such information. The orders also contained a report on the crisis of April 14, giving details of the precautions then taken.

## DUTY IS TO "STAY PUT"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT THE DUTY OF THE PUBLIC IN THE EVENT OF INVASION IS TO REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE.

Measures prepared are now being put into effect to prevent roads being blocked, and to ensure the safety of the civil population in the event of invasion, and emphasis is laid on recent experiences in the Low Countries and France in which military operations were dangerously hampered by refugees blocking the roads.—Reuter.

## GERMAN AIRMEN TAKEN PRISONERS

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that auxiliary coast guards yesterday took four German airmen prisoners when a Heinkel bomber crashed in shallow water off the coast.

It seemed at first as though the airmen would show fight but when covered by firearms they surrendered.—Reuter.

### Bringing Up Father



By George McManus



## COMMONS QUERY SPANISH ACTION IN TANGIER

London, To-day.

**THE RECENT OCCUPATION** of the International Zone at Tangier was referred to at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that on June 14 the Spanish High Commissioner at Tetuan notified the French Consul-General that in agreement with the French Government, the Spanish Government intended to occupy Tangier at once.

## UNUSUAL SNATCHING INCIDENT

A most unusual snatching case, was described by Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning when Ng Seung, 27, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and 10 strokes for snatching a wrist watch from Chu Wai-fong, 20, amah, yesterday in Argyle Street, near Waterloo Road.

The thief, after snatching the watch in Argyle Street, did not run, but casually walked into Yaumati Railway Station — about 600 yards from the scene.

The amah did not shout for help, but followed him into the Station, continuously begging him to give her back the watch.

The thief ignored her and bought a train ticket with the intention of going to Tai Po.

The amah then asked help from a train passenger, who arrested accused.

## SOLDIERS FOUND IN CHINESE TERRITORY

The "China Mail" learns that the two British soldiers, Gunner T. J. Stafford and Gunner Raper, reported absent without leave from their regiments since Sunday, have been located.

The men were found by the Chinese authorities at Shumchun, having apparently crossed the border. They have been handed over to the military authorities.

## OBJECTED TO SCOLDING

Yiu Tsan, 30, married woman, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning with failing to notify the S.C.A., on bringing a ward, Mak Sheung, 16, into the Colony in July last year.

Mr. H. W. Fraser said that the girl reported to the Police that she had been scolded by the defendant, and had no desire to remain with her.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## EXCESS PASSENGERS

Found guilty of carrying an excess of 12 passengers in the s.s. Tran Ninh, the master of the French vessel, Captain L. Ebrellec, was fined \$80 by Commander J. Jolly, Deputy Harbour Master, this morning.

Chief Boarding Officer D. G. Cairns prosecuted. It was alleged that there were 26 passengers in the ship on its arrival here.

## HOTEL INCIDENT

According to a Police report, a European woman was assaulted in the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, allegedly by Lau Ching, 45, said to be employed in the hotel. It is further alleged that the man has absconded.

On the same day the British Consul-General at Tangier received a Note from the Spanish Consul-General stating that the military occupation of Tangier and its zone was carried out by troops of the Shereefian Mahalla with the exclusive object of securing the strict neutrality of Tangier.

It was added the occupation was of a provisional character and that all rights of interested powers and established services in the zone would be respected.

Mr. W. S. Liddall (Cons.) asked that steps be taken to clear out all Spanish troops at Tangier and so save a much more important and dangerous situation.

## Satisfied ?

Mr. J. H. Stewart (Lib. Nat.) asked Mr. Butler whether he was satisfied the occupation would in fact preserve the neutrality of that area.

Mr. Butler, replying, said: "His Majesty's Government have been notified by the Spanish Government that they intend to respect the neutrality of Tangier."

Asked by Mr. Ernest Shinwell (Lab.) whether the Government was receiving any information from the British Ambassador in Spain, Mr. Butler said: "Yes, that is why I said we were notified. The Ambassador is very active."—Reuter.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY CHARGES

The attack on a La Salle College student at the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street yesterday morning had a sequel before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when two of the four alleged robbers were charged with armed highway robbery.

Accused, Kwong Chui-sang, 17, and Cheung Pang-fei, 22, were alleged to have, with others not in custody and armed with knives, robbed Ching Man-cheuk, of a wrist-watch.

They were remanded for 48 hours in police custody.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

## PARKING OVERTIME

Mr. A. D. Humphreys, jnr. of Dodwell and Company, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking overtime in Pedder Street.

A fine of \$10 was imposed. The manager of the same company was fined \$20 for failing to notify the sale of a motor-car.

## FRENCH, BRITISH AND ITALIANS ASKED TO LEAVE SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

The Mayor of the Japanese sponsored City Government of Greater Shanghai has addressed letters to the British, French and Italian Consulates-General requesting immediate steps for the withdrawal of third power beligerent corps from Shanghai.—Reuter.

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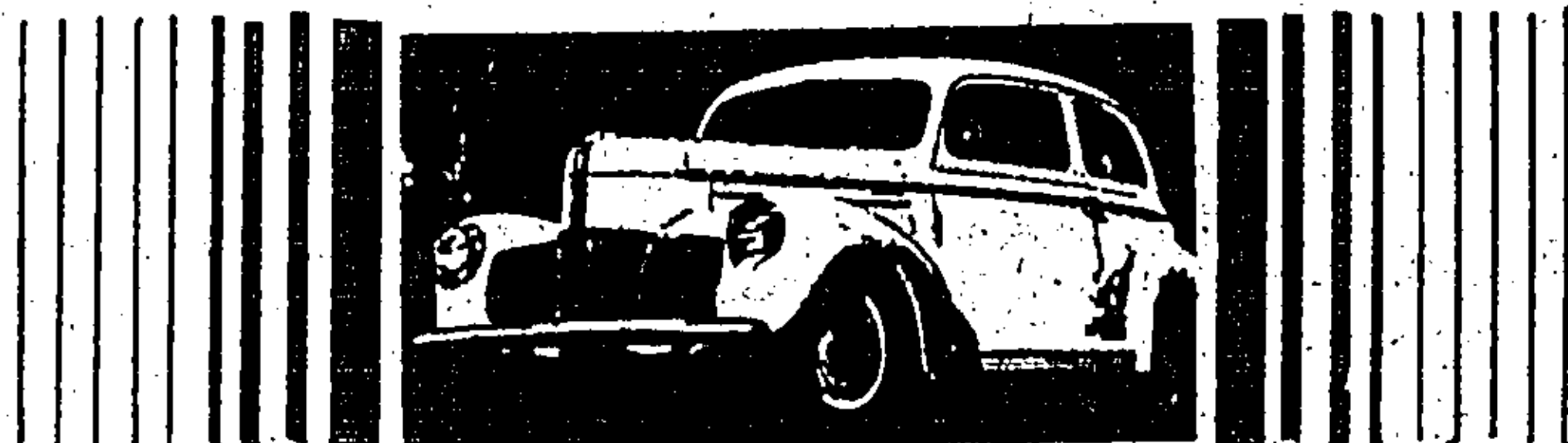
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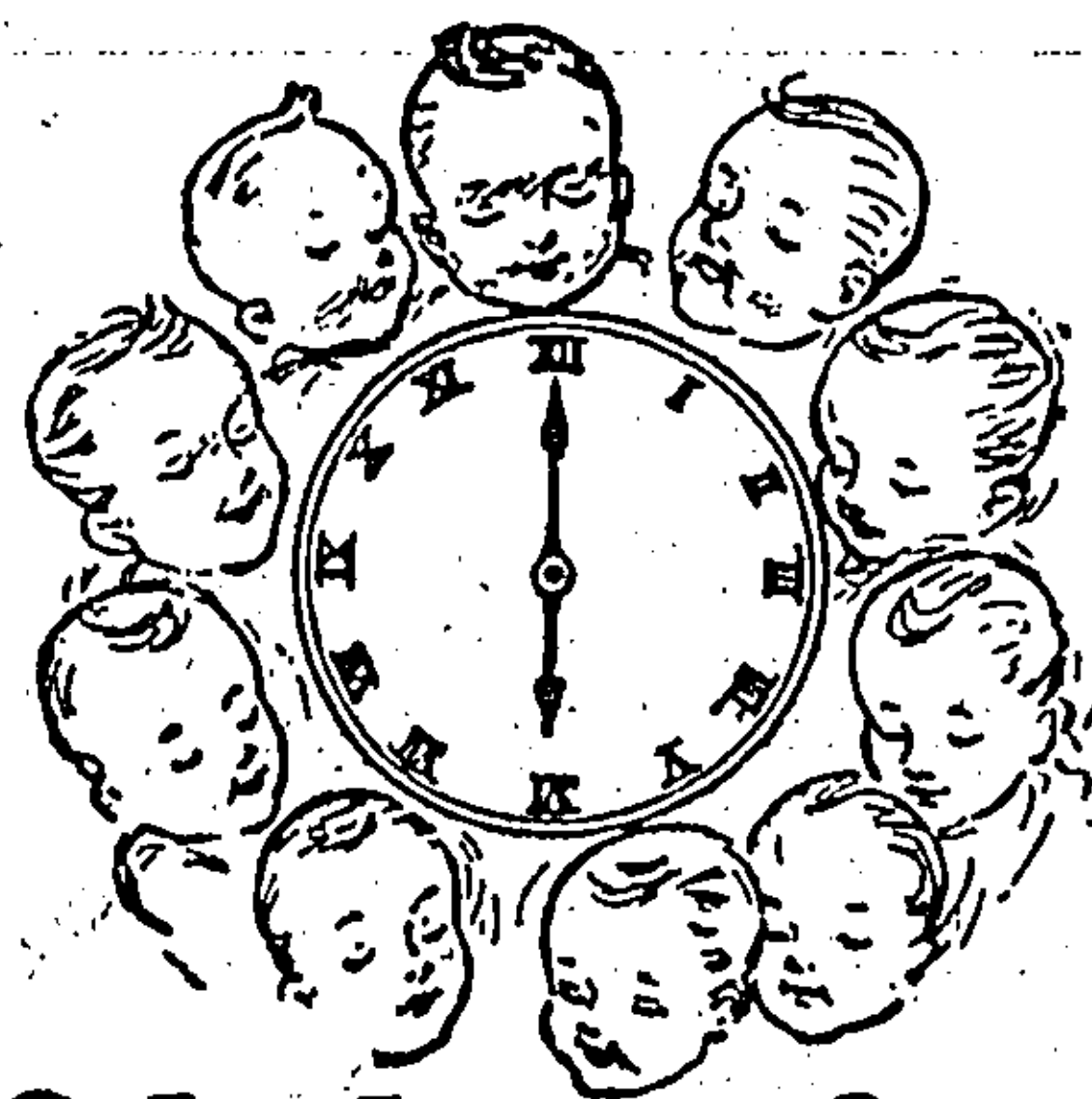
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Newhaven (Connecticut), To-day.

"WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU for the help you have sent us — for arms, aeroplanes and machines. We want everything you can send us, as quickly as you can send it," declared Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, speaking at Yale University yesterday after receiving an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

"If we can hold on until Christmas we can prove that Hitler, with all his brutal violence, cannot break our spirit or conquer our island.

"We shall, I believe, have turned the tide. For Hitler cannot go on for ever. The issue will probably be decided this year, in six months, and not next year or in two years or three years.

"The outcome of the struggle will affect you almost as much as it will affect us. For if Hitler gets our fleet or destroys it, the whole foundation upon which the security of both our countries has rested for 120 years will have disappeared."

### British Sea Power

Lord Lothian pointed out that as long as the British fleet was able to guard the English Channel, the Straits of Gibraltar and other waterways, America had no serious problem of Atlantic defence but "the security of the Americas would be entirely different if these exits and bases were held by a great imperialist power unfriendly to Democracy or to the Monroe System.

"We in Britain shall certainly fight to the end to defend our country because the real Maginot Line defence of the British Commonwealth, as of America, is that Great Britain should continue as an independent power with its fleet based on the British Isles.

"I am sure that only if we are beaten down and the greater part of our fleet sunk, will the remains of it leave home to assist in the defence of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other distant parts of the Commonwealth in the Indian Ocean and elsewhere.

### Question Of Days

"It is now only a question of days, or at the most of a few weeks, before Hitler seems likely to attempt to do in Britain what he has already done to France.

"He will attack us from north, east and south by aeroplane and invasion.

"I don't want to give a pessimistic impression at all. I only plead for

realism and honesty in looking facts in the face instead of for silence or evasion.

"We in the British Empire are not downhearted. Our people will give a good account of themselves if Hitler's legions attempt to effect a landing, for we believe the independence of Britain is literally the last bastion of freedom in the world to-day." — Reuter.

## BRITISH TRADE RETURNS

London, To-day.

British overseas trade returns for May show the totals of both imports and exports at a higher level than that obtaining in May, 1939.

Total imports were £105,552,962 compared with £109,983,390 in April and £78,509,294 in May last year. Total exports amounted to £45,499,645 as against £48,299,823 in April and £42,273,350 in May last year. Re-exports fell to £3,213,913 from £4,434,290 in April and £5,012,363 in May last year.

Figures for the five months of the year are imports £522,309,337, showing an increase of £156,250,608 over the corresponding period of last year, and exports £213,706,329, giving an increase of £17,299,220 compared with the first five months of last year.—British Wireless.

### U.S. NAVY EXPANSION

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives naval affairs committee, stated yesterday that the \$2,000,000,000 naval expansion programme recommended on Tuesday by the House has the President's approval.—Reuter.

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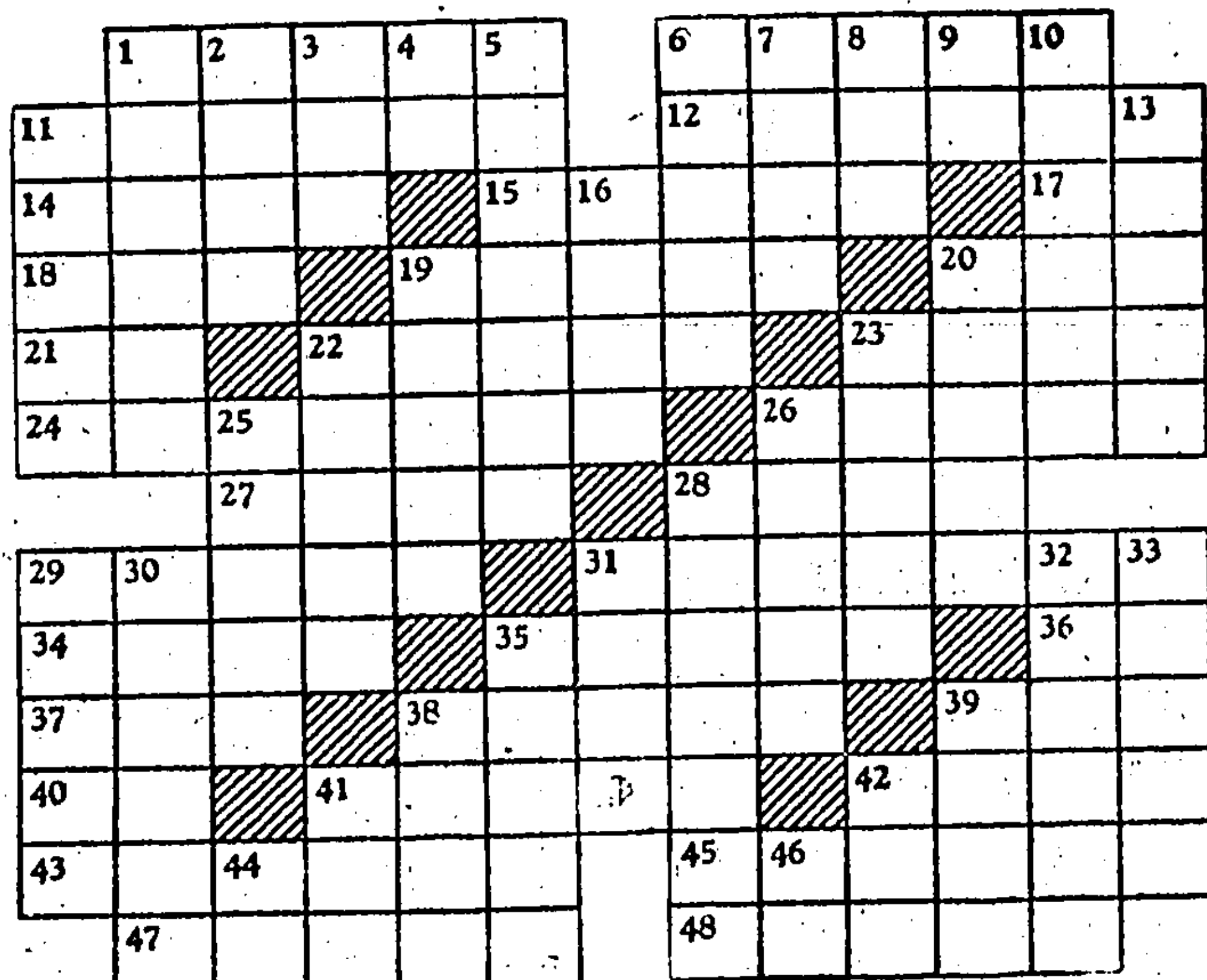
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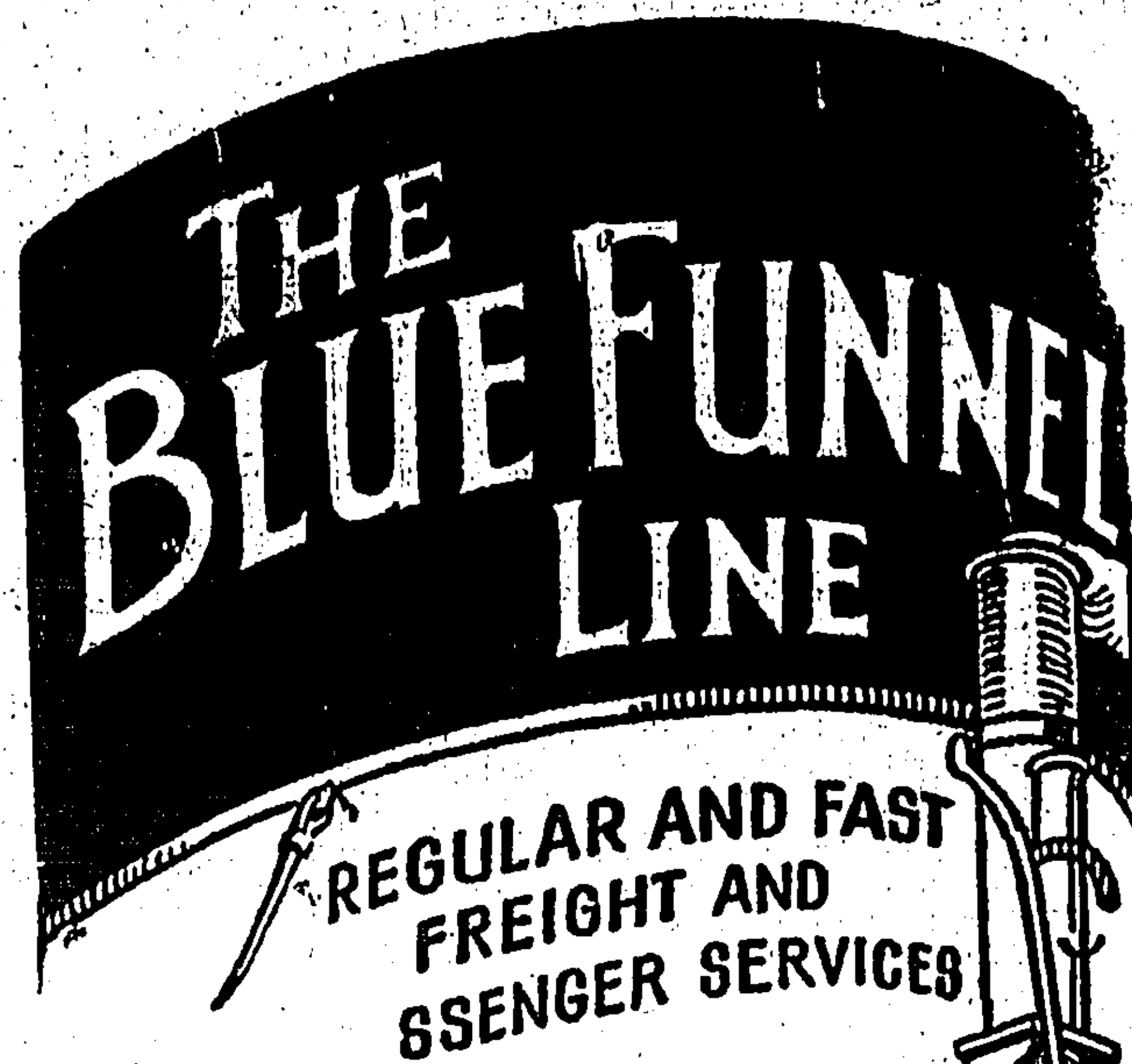
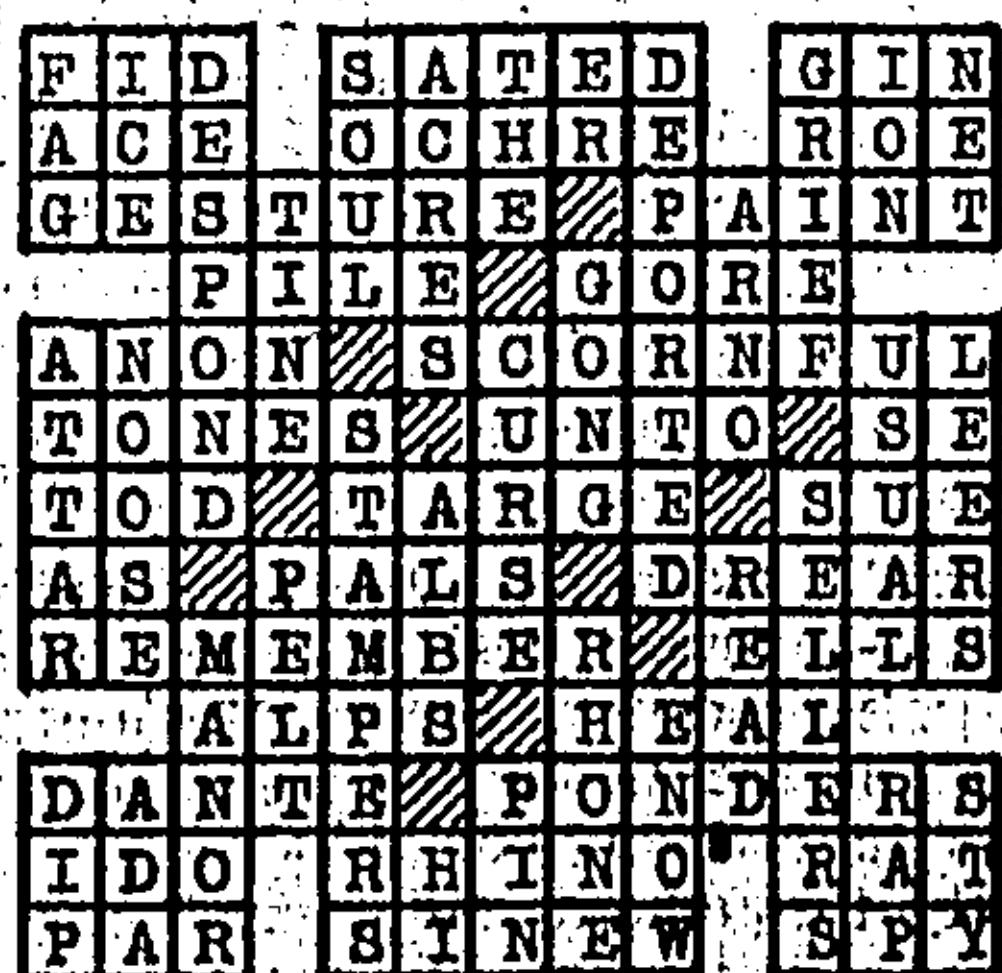
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- 20 Japanese coin
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 Laments
- 23 Pennon
- 24 Groups of eight
- 28 Wanders
- 27 Above
- 28 Ducklike bird
- 29 Choice viands
- 31 Merchants
- 34 Imitator
- 35 Divisions of thread in weaving
- 36 Pronoun
- 37 Faint
- 38 Herbage
- 39 Digit

- 40 Earth goddess
- 41 Violent gust of wind
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- 43 Reverberated
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- 47 Relieves
- 48 Giver

**VERTICAL**

- 1 Valiant
- 2 River in England
- 3 Storage enclosure
- 4 Exists
- 5 Small dog
- 6 Peels
- 7 To affirm
- 8 Gaelic sea-god
- 9 Comparative ending
- 10 Rivulet
- 11 Likewise
- 13 Vocalizes
- 16 Is sick
- 19 Caverns
- 20 To criticize severely
- 22 To flicker
- 23 Edibles
- 25 Reversed animal
- 26 Bellows
- 28 Topped
- 29 Colloquial: to beg
- 30 Each
- 31 Receptions
- 32 Reveler
- 33 War horse
- 35 Tapering nails
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# TERMS OF ANGLO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT ON TIENTSIN DISCLOSED IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons yesterday the conclusion of an agreement between Britain and Japan over the Tientsin issue.

Mr. Butler said he was happy to state that the British and Japanese Governments had signed in Tokyo an agreement on certain local questions relating to the suppression of terrorist acts and the more effective maintenance of law and order, the circulation of currency in the Concession and the disposal and custody of Chinese silver reserves in Chinese banks.

Arrangements covering the latter part had received the consent of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Butler added: "His Majesty's Government welcome the conclusion of this agreement in the confidence that it will facilitate the removal of at least some of the disabilities which Britain and other third power nationals and their trading and shipping interests have been suffering in China, and also will be a manifestation of

the possibility of solving mutual difficulties between our country and Japan by patient negotiation."

Details of the agreement show that police arrangements provide for closer co-operation between the British Municipal Administration and the local Japanese authorities in cases against persons in whose criminal activities the latter are interested.

**Concession Integrity**

"I wish to emphasise, however," said Mr. Butler in a written statement, "in such cases necessary action will always be taken by the Municipal Police themselves, and the administrative integrity of the British Concession is fully preserved in the agreement."

"The Japanese Government have contended that the silver reserves belong to the people of North China and should be surrendered for their use."

"The Chinese Government, on the other hand, claim their ownership as part of the reserves are for the national currency."

"The provisional agreement now reached does not pre-judge this issue."

"The agreement provides that about one-tenth the total amount will be used for the humanitarian purpose of relieving distress in North China while the balance will remain under seal in the bank until ultimate disposal is decided in a less controversial atmosphere than is now possible."

"This settlement of the problem has received the assent of the Chinese Government."

**Barricades To Go**

"Circulation of Chinese national currency will continue within the British Municipal area."

"Federal Reserve banknotes, however, have for some time past circulated side by side with national currency."

"This existing state of affairs is recognised in the agreement."

"As members are aware, barricades for the past year have been maintained round the Concession and there have been numerous restrictions on residents."

"These barricades and restrictions are being removed and the Japanese will do everything in their power to suppress any anti-British action or agitation in regions under their control."—Reuter.

**Cause Of Friction Gone**

London, To-day.

Settlement of the Tientsin issue, after nearly a year of fitful negotiation, does not indeed permit any general deductions to be drawn, but it removes numerous causes of local friction, states an editorial in "The Times" this morning.

The editorial adds: "It marks some improvement in Anglo-Japanese relations and it does not sacrifice the rights and interests of the Government of China who have been consulted by this country throughout and will no doubt make a statement on the subject before long."—Reuter.

## NIAGARA SUNK BY MINE

Wellington, To-day.

The New Zealand Prime Minister reveals that it was a mine which sank the 13,000-ton Canadian-Australian liner Niagara yesterday in the Tasman Sea between New Zealand and Australia.

Minesweepers, he said, had already swept up one mine.

The Niagara carried 135 passengers and a crew of 200, all of whom are being taken to Auckland.—Reuter.

**No Loss Of Life**

Wellington, To-day.

A mine has been discovered in the locality where the Niagara sank in the Tasman Sea, declared the Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, in the House of Representatives yesterday.

This answered the question as to how the liner met her fate. All necessary steps were being taken to dispose of the menace.

The passengers and crew had reached port and as far as could be ascertained there was no loss of life.—Reuter.

**LOCAL SHARES**

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:—

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United Paracales Ps. .15½ sa.

## STOCK EXCHANGE IRREGULAR

London, To-day.

Gilt-edged and Kaffirs attracted support on the Stock Exchange yesterday closing generally better. Industrials failed to maintain the early advance, while foreign bonds showed only small changes. Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

**LOCAL DOLLAR**

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

London silver was quoted at 23-1/8 for Spot and 21-15/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250. and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$358-1/4.



## 30 SURVIVORS OUT OF GARRISON OF 4,000

London, June 5.

GIVEN AN HOUR to surrender, the British detachment sent from England to hold Calais "to the end" kept at bay the German hordes for four days before silence fell upon the citadel.

Three thousand strong, and fighting side by side with 1,000 Frenchmen, they carried out their orders to the letter.

## NEW ARRESTS IN FASCIST ROUND-UP

LONDON, JUNE 5.

THREE MORE PERSONS HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY THE CANTERBURY POLICE IN TWO RAIDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROUND-UP OF FASCISTS.

At a house in Artillery-street detectives seized documents and took into detention Harold Elvey, 30, a bus driver, who is connected with the local branch of the Fascists.

From premises in St. Dunstan's-street a soldier and a woman were taken to the police-station.

Three young men, said to be officials of the Gillingham group of the British Union, have been taken to Brixton gaol.

A dozen members of the British Union, including several women, were detained at Folkestone to-day. The police visited a newsagent's shop, seized copies of Action, the Fascist paper, and took the proprietor, Mr. F. Moore, away.

Further detentions in the South of England include four Southampton men.

## "LOWER THAN DOG" NAZI SAID

Montevideo (Uruguay), June 4.

Prince Stephan Zu Schaumburg Lippe arrived here to-day in a Brazilian steamer bound for Buenos Aires, where he is to be Counsellor to the German Legation.

On board the ship he asked a liftboy if he could speak German. When the boy said "No," the Prince replied "You had better learn; you are going to need it."

A prominent German here twice this week tried to enter a cafe with a dachshund. When he was told dogs were not allowed he replied: "Within three weeks you Uruguayans will be lower than this dog."



The gay young blade's ego takes a tumble when his dancing partner picks up some of his missteps.

## SHOT OFFICER'S NAME IS SECRET

London, June 6.

The name and unit of an Army officer who was found shot in a troop train at Oxford Station were kept secret at the inquest at Oxford to-day, when a verdict was recorded of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

Later it was stated that he was Captain William G. Richards, aged 25.

## CIVILIAN BOMBINGS "HORRIBLE"

Miss Anne Morgan, sister of J. P. Morgan, said German bombardments of civilian refugees in Northern France are "utterly horrible."

Miss Morgan, organizer of the Friends of France Committee, was forced out of the North by German bombardments while her unit, accompanied by cars of the American Volunteers' Ambulance Corps, was trying to rescue civilians.

One of the most startling things that the women drivers discovered was a German pilot who had been shot down while wearing a British Royal Air Force uniform.

## "HITLER WILL BE DEFEATED"

New York, June 6.

A belief that Germany will be defeated, in spite of her "astounding" early successes, is expressed by Fritz Thyssen, the German iron magnate who financed Hitler at the start of the Nazi regime, in a message cabled to an American magazine.

"Never was a war so recklessly started and with less industrial preparation," he declares, and predicts the downfall of Hitler "once the German people understand how they have been betrayed."

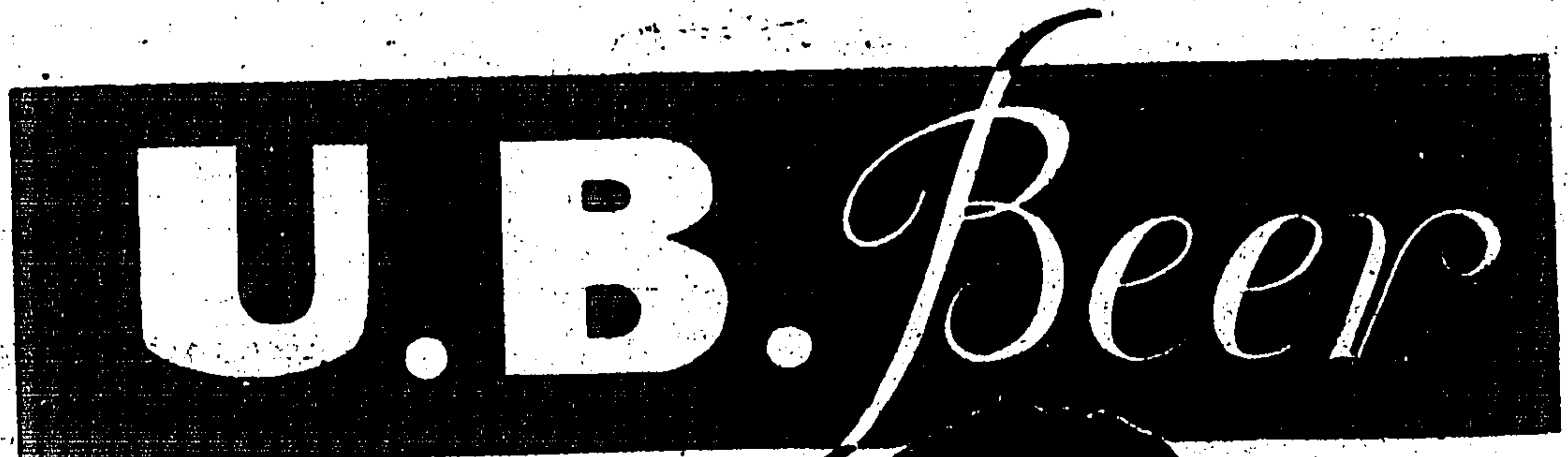
## "LOST" SHIP SAFELY IN PORT

London, June 5.

The Admiralty announces that the paddle-minesweeper Medway Queen, which was stated in the communique of yesterday as "believed lost," has now arrived safely in port. The armed boarding vessel Mona's Isle, reported sunk, should read Mona's Queen.

## GERMAN NURSES GIVE UP POSTS

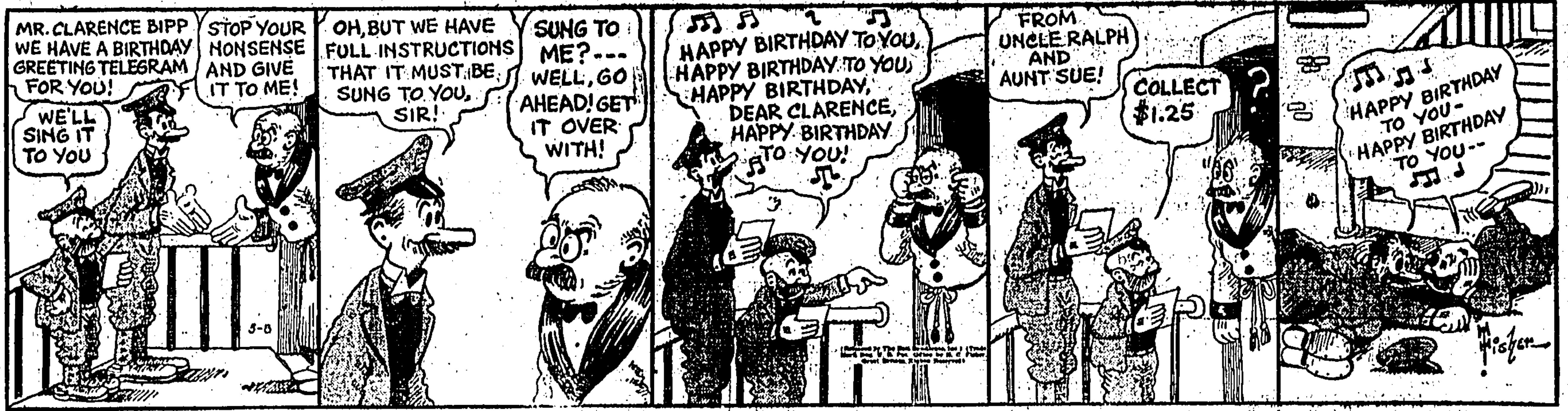
Two resident German refugee nurses have relinquished their posts at Bethnal Green Hospital, Cambridge Heath-road, E. They have been given accommodation in Hampstead. One of the nurses was educated at Berlin University.



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# To-day's Wireless

Children's Hour  
And  
Variety

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.  
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.47 p.m.—A Variety Programme.  
Comedian—Tyrolean (Lindsay);  
Flaming Phil, The Fireman  
(Freer)... Dave Willis with Orch.  
Vocal—King Canute (Flotsam &  
Jetsam); Melodrama of the Mice  
(Flotsam & Jetsam)... Mr. Flot-  
sam and Mr. Jetsam with Piano.  
Vocal—A Melody from the Sky (film  
"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine");  
Where Yorkshire and Lancashire  
Meet (Damerell & Others)...  
Kitty Masters assisted by Bert  
Masters with Piano accomp.  
Humorous—The Old School Tie  
(Kenneth & George Western);  
Ain't It Gorgeous (K. & G. West-  
ern)... The Western Brothers.  
A Burlesque Pantomime—Cinderella  
(Raymond Wallace)... Effie  
Atherton, Bertha Willmott, Bob-  
bie Comber, Leonard Henry and  
Company.  
Monologue—Pancake Tuesday  
Throughout the Empire—A far-

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.  
9.52 Megacycles

flung Relay... Max Kester and  
John de Grey; Crazy Commen-  
taries: Red Riding Hood v. The  
Wolf... Max Kester.  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trot—My Little Buckaroo (film  
"Strange Laws"); Tango Fox-Trot  
—Don't Play with Fire... Bert  
Firman & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—White Sails; It Seems  
Like Old Times... Ruby Newman  
& His Orchestra.  
Waltz—Lovely Lady (film "King of  
Burlesque"); Fox-Trot—Alone at  
a Table for Two... The B.B.C.  
Dance Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Where Or When (from  
"Babes in Arms"); Good Morning  
... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Tango—Echos Du Passe; Waltz—Al-  
though... Jean Taponnier's Ball-  
room Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Boom; I Get Along  
Without You Very Well... Jay  
Wilbur & His Band.  
Fox-Trots—Goodbye Sally (from  
"Shepherd's Pie")... Jack Hylton  
& His Orchestra; A Mother's Prayer  
At Twilight... Jack Hylton &  
His Orchestra.  
8.45 p.m.—Selections from Light  
Opera.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-  
mary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Topical  
Talk.  
9.45 p.m.—A Light French Programme.  
Je Chante—Onestep (Trenet-Mis-  
raki); Fleur Bleue—Fox-Trot  
(Trenet)... Charles Trenet (Vo-  
cal) with Orchestra.  
A Song Selection. Intro: Ca sent la  
friture; J'aime tes grands yeux;

Qui J'aime; Le bistro du port; Le  
chaland qui passe; Le moulin qui  
jase; A Paris dans chaque fau-  
bourg... Lys Gauty with Orch.  
La Serenade A Lena (Revue "Parade  
Du Monde"); Un Violon Dans La  
Nuit (Revue "Parade Du Monde")  
... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.  
10.05 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"D'Ye  
Ken John Peel?" A programme in  
honour of the Famous Cumberland  
Huntsman. Written and Produced  
by William Maclurg.  
10.35 p.m.—Band Music.  
Grenadier Du Caucase (Meister);  
Entry of the Gladiators (Fucik);  
Le Reve Passe (Krier & Helmer);  
Officer of the Day (Hall)... Massed  
Bands of the Northern Com-  
mand.  
Fanfares (Composed for the Musi-  
cians' Benevolent Fund by Arthur  
Bliss, Granville Bantock, Roger  
Quilter and Arnold Bax)... Knell-  
er Hall Musicians cond. by Cap-  
tain H. E. Adkins.  
Aldershot-Tattoo, 1939... Massed  
Bands of the Aldershot and East-  
ern Commands.  
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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ken... World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has  
beaten every other system in existence.

### NOT THE BEST PLAY

Here is one of those so-called "hard  
luck" hands that should have been  
made on proper play.

South, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A  
♥ A K 2  
♦ K J 9 4  
♣ 8 7 6 3 2  
♠ Q J 9 6  
♥ 4 2  
♦ 6 4 3  
♣ 5  
♠ K J 9  
♥ A 5 8  
♦ Q J 10 9 8 5  
♣ A 7 3  
♠ A Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♠	3♠
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

The opening lead of the Queen of  
spades was won by dummy's Ace.  
Declarer now played the Ace and  
deuce of hearts, trumped his second  
spade, dummy came back to his own hand  
with the Ace of diamonds, drew trumps  
and now played a low diamond toward dum-  
my. West showed out, the nine was played  
from dummy, East won  
with the ten and promptly led a low  
club. South now was forced to take  
that finesse, which lost also, and the  
hand was set one trick.  
The correct play on the hand would

have been to attack the clubs im-  
mediately, without even bothering to  
finesse. With four entries to dummy,  
the fifth club could have been set up  
provided that suit did not break worse  
than 4-2. And even if clubs had  
broken 5-1, the diamond finesse would  
remain as a last resort.

Yesterday you were David Bruce  
Burnstone's partner, both sides were  
vulnerable and you held:

♠ x  
♥ Q 10 x x x  
♦ 10 x x x  
♣ J x x

The bidding:

Burnstone Jacoby You Schenken  
1NT Pass (7)

ANSWER: Pass. Any takeout of a  
notrump should be constructive and  
show at least a fair hand. Thus if  
you bid two hearts, partner will re-  
bid and you will get into trouble.  
Score 100% for pass, 0 for two  
hearts.

### QUESTION NO. 441

Both sides are vulnerable and you  
have 90 on score. Oswald Jacoby is  
your partner and you hold:

♠ A Q x x  
♥ J x  
♦ K J 10 x x  
♣ Q x

The bidding:

Jacoby Maier You Schenken  
1♠ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer  
tomorrow.)

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## ITALY'S POSITION IN ABYSSINIA

London, To-day.

Asked about Britain's recognition of  
Italian sovereignty in Abyssinia, Mr.  
R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for  
Foreign Affairs, said in the House of  
Commons yesterday that in view of  
the unprovoked entry into the war by  
Italy, the British Government feels  
entitled to reserve full liberty of  
action over any undertakings given to  
Italy in connection with the Mediter-  
ranean, North and East Africa, and  
the Middle Eastern area.—Reuter.

### Hypothetical Question

London, To-day.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) ask-  
ed in the House of Commons yester-  
day whether the British Government  
any longer felt itself bound to recog-  
nise Italian rights in connection with  
Ethiopia and if the Government held  
itself free to consider any proposals  
that might be laid before them in this  
connection by Haile Selassie or by  
the Ethiopian people.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary

## QUALIFICATIONS CHALLENGED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. R. R. STOKES (LABOUR)  
ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COM-  
MONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE  
GOVERNMENT WOULD STATE THE  
QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRE-  
SENT CHAIRMAN OF THE MALA-  
YAN DELEGATION ON THE IN-  
TERNATIONAL TIN CONTROL AND  
WHETHER HE HAS HAD ANY  
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF THE  
TIN INDUSTRY.

The Under-Secretary of the  
Colonies said the senior member of  
the Malayan delegation on the com-  
mittee, Sir John Campbell, had a  
very long experience of administra-  
tion in India and international affairs.

In the opinion of the Secretary for  
Colonies his knowledge and experi-  
ence of working the very similar in-  
ternational rubber regulation scheme,  
made him admirably suited to this  
post.—Reuter.

for Foreign Affairs, said Mr. Mander  
could rest assured that his represen-  
tations were being borne in mind.—  
Reuter.



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# COLONY'S SWIMMING CHAMPIONS AT NEW ARMY POOL

JUDGING FROM THE SUCCESS of last night's swimming gala at the new Army pool at Victoria Barracks, this venue will prove very popular as the season progresses.

Conditions for both competitors and spectators could not have been better. The stands were packed and the moon overhead and delightful swing music by the band of the Royal Scots made for a most enjoyable evening.

The standard of swimming was good, although lack of the competitive element turned most of the events into exhibitions more than anything else.

Nevertheless there were some good times returned. David Hutchinson, for instance, bore out the promise the V.R.C. authorities made of him at the beginning of the season, by winning the 100 yards free style, from scratch, in the splendid time of 59 seconds.

A. K. Rumjahn, another certain interporter, also impressed in the 100 yards backstroke which he won in the face of severe handicapping in 72-3/5 seconds.

Rumjahn has evidently been practising hard for there was added rhythm to his stroke and he appears stronger now than he was at any time last season.

Following the backstroke event, Wilfred Lawrence, the Colony champion gave a demonstration of what might best be called "tactical" swimming. He showed the average speeds at which various races are swum over distances from the sprints to middle distances.

A demonstration by L. M. Remedios of the "butterfly" breaststroke also proved something of an eye-opener and his speed by this method of propulsion was educational.

Lionel Roza Pereira was unable to participate in the diving owing to indisposition but a display by Stanley Lee and the veteran Ed. da Roza, was much appreciated.

## Results

100 yards back-stroke handicap:—1, A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) (72.6); 2, Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots) (88.0); 3, 2/Lt. Hunter (R. Scots) (88.8).

100 yards breast-stroke:—1, E. M. Marques (V.R.C.) (81.8); 2, J. A. Marques (V.R.C.) (83.2); 3, C. Mackintosh (V.R.C.) (87.4).

100 yards free-style handicap:—1, L. D. Hutchison (V.R.C.) (59); 2, Dead-heat B. M. Jordan (R. Scots) and Charles Huang (V.R.C.) (72 and 66 respectively).

Exhibition Diving:—Ed. da Roza (former Colony champion) and Stanley Lee.

Royal Scots 133 1/3 yards Inter-Coy. team race:—1, H. Q. 2, (Lt. Dunlop, Bdm. (Slaytor, L/Cpl. Morris and B/M. Jordan) (80); 2, H. Q. 1 (Lt. Buchanan, Pte. McHugh, Pte. Davidson, Pte. Byrne) (81.4); 3, "B" Coy. (Cpl. Stevenson, Pte. Myles, Pte. Corrigan, Pte. McQuag) (89).

100 yards V.R.C. medley-relay:—1, V.R.C. Juniors (A. K. Rumjahn, C. Mackintosh and A. V. Ozorio) (58.4); 2, V.R.C. Veterans (A. J. Hussain, E. M. Marques and D. Hutchison) (58.0); 3, V.R.C. Midgets (L. M. Remedios, J. Marques and Rios Remedios) (60.2).

Water-polo:—V.R.C. beat Royal Scots 6-2.

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HONG KONG'S FIRST NEWSPAPER

"EARLIEST WITH THE LATEST"

## WAH YAN OLD BOY'S SWIMMING PICNIC

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will start its summer activities with a Swimming Picnic to 11-mile Beach on Sunday, June 30, when Mr. Fung Kwok Wah, Vice-President of the Association will be the host at his private shed No. 29. Special buses will be available at Jordan Road Ferry and refreshments will be served. The party will start at 11.00 a.m. sharp and return at 7 p.m. Participants may inform Mr. Joseph Ng, c/o 122, Queen's Road, Central, before June 28.

## LEAGUE TENNIS

# JEWISH R.C. HAVE YET TO WIN A SET!

FOUR OF THE SIX "C" Division League tennis matches down for decision yesterday were played, most notable result being the big victory of Army Tennis Club over Recreio "B."

It is not suggested that the Recreio team is a very strong one but the decisive manner in which Army won—others teams thus far have had to struggle hard against the Portuguese—augurs well for their future prospects.

Most impressive Army pair were the tried combination of Emberson and Duffield, who only dropped three games throughout their three sets. Murray and Adlam also did well, while Boocock and Martin, of whom more was expected, dropped the only set lost by Army, to Beltrao and Guterres.

Kowloon Indians once again demonstrated their strength, beating Kowloon Cricket Club, for whom R. E. Lee was unable to turn out, by a comfortable margin.

The Hussain brothers were again in devastating form and they are without doubt the finest combination in "C" Division.

Most successful K.C.C. pair were E. Zulauf and D. Hung, who won 1½ sets. Fisher and Wynter-Blyth securing the other point.

## REMARKABLE RECORD

South China dropped only two sets against Central British Association, T. K. Leung and K. I. Chan proving something of a weak link and figuring on the losing end of the score on two occasions. Ho and Ma, and Kwok and Lee and little difficulty in winning all their engagements.

Jewish Recreation Club continue on their unsuccessful way and have now the unenviable distinction of having lost 27 sets in three matches! Yesterday they went down badly to Kowloon Tong and conceded no fewer than three love sets in the process.

## J.R.C. v KOWLOON TONG

Jewish Club lost to Kowloon Tong 0-9.

B. Godkin and A. Pollak (J.R.C.)

lost to L. Chan and E. Lee 4-6

lost to P. and D. Chen 2-6

lost to M. S. Lee and D. Kwok 2-6

M. Talan and E. Porges (J.R.C.)

lost to Chan and Lee 0-6

lost to Chens 2-6

lost to Lee and Kwok 2-6

H. B. Joseph and W. Clitrin (J.R.C.)

lost to Chan and Lee 0-6

lost to Chens 2-6

lost to Lee and Kwok 0-6

## ARMY v RECREIO

Army beat Recreio 8-1.

Emberson and Duffield (A.T.C.)

beat N. A. Beltrao and M. A. Guterres 6-2

beat A. M. Alves and R. M. Soares 6-1

beat J. M. and L. G. Gosano 6-0

Boocock and Martin (A.T.C.)

lost to Beltrao and Guterres 4-6

beat Alves and Soares 6-2

beat Gosano Brothers 6-1

Murray and C. Adlam (A.T.C.)

beat Beltrao and Guterres 6-2

beat Alves and Sopres 6-3

beat Gosano Brothers 6-3

## S. CHINA v C.B.A.

South China beat Central British 7-2.

H. K. Ho and N. K. Ma (S. China)

beat G. H. Fowler and B. I. Bickford 6-4

beat N. Whitley and S. A. Fowler 6-1

beat D. T. Smith and G. Gurevitch 6-2

H. S. Kwok and W. S. Lee (S. China)

beat Fowler and Bickford 6-0

beat Whitley and Fowler 6-3

beat Smith and Gurevitch 6-2

## T. K. Leung and K. I. Chan (S. China)

lost to Fowler and Bickford 4-6

lost to Whitley and Fowler 3-6

beat Smith and Gurevitch 6-1

## K.I.T.C. v K.C.C.

Kowloon Indians beat Kowloon C.C.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)	beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth	6-1
beat E. Zulauf and D. Hung	6-3	
beat J. R. Turner and T. C. Kewan	6-1	
F. Khan and H. M. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	beat Fisher and Wynter-Blyth	6-1
lost to Zulauf and Hung	3-6	
beat Turner and Kewan	6-3	
G. Singh and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.)	lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth	4-6
drew with Zulauf and Hung	6-6	
beat Turner and Kewan	7-5	

## League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.I.T.C.	4	4	0	28½	7½	8	
S.C.A.A.	2	2	0	15	3	4	
Police	3	2	0	17	10	4	
Kowloon Tong	3	2	0	16½	10½	4	
Kowloon C.C.	4	1	1	218	18	3	
Recreio "B"	4	1	2	15½	20½	3	
C.R.C.	1	1	0	7½	1½	2	
Recreio "A"	1	1	0	6½	2½	2	
Army	2	1	0	10½	7½	2	
C.B.A.	3	0	3	6	21	0	
University	2	0	2	3	15	0	
Jewish Club	3	0	0	3	27	0	

## To-Day's Matches

The following is to-day's "D" Division League tennis programme and some teams.

C. R. C. "A" v. I. R. C.  
Filipino Club v. C. R. C. "B"  
C. B. A. v. C. C. C.  
S. C. A. A. v. K. C. C.

C.R.C. "A":—T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau; P. H. Chiu and K. N. Lee; W. C. Choy and N. C. Tang.

C.B.A.:—T. Lockhart and V. C. Bond; E. Bull and M. Dune; G. Gurovitch and Woolgar.

S.C.A.A.:—C. S. Wong and C. S. Lee; K. T. Ng and K. C. Wong; K. T. Sung and K. C. Wan.

Filipino Club:—F. Gonzales and H. A. Ribeiro; L. Souza and A. Banker; A. Kwan and L. Sien.

## GRAPHIC GOLF

### PUTTING ALIGNMENT

SOLE PUTTER IN FRONT OF BALL. CLUB FACE AT RIGHT ANGLES



LINE UP PATH OF PUTT FROM CROUCHING POSITION BEHIND IT

5-7

### LINING UP THE PUTT

#### BY BEST BALL

The golfer who dallies too long over his putt is very often none too popular with either his playing partners or the foursome behind, anxiously awaiting the next shot to the green. Indecision on the green is generally reflected in the actual stroke itself. There are exceptions of course and always will be when one comes across the methodical type of player who wants to make certain no little detail has been overlooked in his calculations. On the other side of the picture there are the Oumets, for example, who lose no time in the selection of the path or the stroke execution.

To do justice to one's own game however there are certain number of checking privileges allowed but the golfer owes it to the tradition of the game to accomplish these with no undue waste of time. In many cases they form a definite routine, i.e., checking the line from the ball to the cup and vice versa, contemplating the line from a crouching position behind the ball as Johnny Goodman is shown doing above, lining the putter head both in front and aft of the ball before stroking. The purpose of placing the putter in front of the ball is to line-up the face at right angles to the ball and the line of the ball's flight. This also gives one a more exact idea of the path to the cup.

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Next Article:—Swaying and Straying.

# Lawn Bowls Teams

## K.D.R.C.

The following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Dock R.C. in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v K.B.G.C., Home):—R. H. Lapsley, W. Houston, G. Cooper and F. Cullen (Skip); A. M. Calmah, J. G. Ozorio, T. Coleman and J. Kempton (Skip); M. Ferguson, C. S. M. Thom, R. Morrison and J. McKelvie (Skip).

## K.B.G.C.

The following teams have been chosen to represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v K.D.R.C., Away):—T. Armstrong, H. White, D. W. Waterton and A. J. Hall (Skip); G. W. Deacon, V. C. Dixon, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (Skip); G. E. F. Thompson, W. Harrower, A. Hyde Lay and A. M. Holland (Skip).

Second Division (v Recreio, Away):—E. F. Pope, E. Levett, F. A. Cheesman and R. Duncan (Skip); H. Bicknell, L. Sykes, E. V. Searle and H. Lockhart (Skip); A. Morton, E. A. Atkins, H. E. Drew and L. Gay (Skip).

Third Division (v C.C.C., Away):—E. Scard, S. C. Walker, C. Wallis and K. C. Hamilton (Skip); H. Spong, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham and L. Jordan (Skip); F. H. Wilkinson, W. H. Organ, G. S. Hammond and J. S. Dinnen (Skip).

## TAIKOO R.C.

The following have been chosen to represent Taikoo Recreation Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

Second Division (v K.F.C., Away):—W. Melrose, C. Bovalri, T. F. Stainton and J. Chalmers (Skip); W. Cunningham, T.

Grimes, J. Watson and R. M. Keown (Skip); R. Main, A. McArthur, F. Hillon and D. Munro (Skip).

## P.R.C.

The following have been chosen to represent the Police Recreation Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v K.C.C., Home):—T. R. Hunter, W. B. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Fender (Skip); E. G. Post, W. J. Cameron, G. Perkins and A. E. Carey (Skip); W. McLeod, H. Brown, J. Orem and J. Shepherd (Skip).

Second Division (v K.C.C., Away):—G. Willerton, J. Hayward, J. R. McWalter and A. Wright (Skip); A. Soutar, J. Harrop, J. Aitken and W. Glendinning (Skip); J. W. MacDonald, J. Headridge, J. Riddell and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

## RECREIO

Following teams will represent Recreio:—First Division, Recreio "A", (Away v Recreio "B"):—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves (Skip); L. J. Silva, G. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

First Division, Recreio "B", (Home v Recreio "A"):—C. F. Vas, C. C. Pereira, A. P. Guterres and B. Basto (Skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. Roza Pereira and J. J. Basto (Skip); D. C. Alves, C. Lopes, J. C. Remedios and J. Noronha (Skip).

First Division, Recreio, (Home v K.B.G.C.):—M. A. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. Rodrigues and C. P. Remedios (Skip); P. M. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves and P. Yvanovich (Skip); F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira, A. M. Xavier and E. Souza (Skip).



BASKETBALL

# LEADERS WIN EASILY

By "SPORTSHAWK"

Canton University undergraduates, the present leaders in the Colony basketball field, had no difficulty in beating the Wah Kui Club quintette by a large margin of 21 points (54-33) in "A" Division of the All-Chinese Colony Basketball League at H.K. Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night, after leading by 26 points to 16 at the end of the first half.

The game was packed with thrills and was played at a fast pace throughout. Both sides were on top form.

The hero of the match was Leung Kong-kueng, winning guard, whose defending tactics and powerful and accurate distance shooting earned loud applause all-round from about 200 spectators. He scored 10 goals all by powerful distance shooting, in addition to one foul goal, making a total of 21 points for his side.

Fong Chack-hong, right-wing for the winners, was again in scoring mood. He netted eight goals and if

had he been better supported by his team-mates, he would probably have done even better.

The standard of play was satisfactory, the winning team, in particular, displaying excellent combination.

The losers fought back throughout the entire battle, but were outclassed.

Cheung Ip-lam and Ip Fat-cheung, both playing in the attack for the losers, were the only players, who were at all impressive. The former registered nine goals, while the latter netted five.

Their guards were rather erratic and appeared unable to cope with the speed of the opposition attack.

## Shum Chun Club

In a "B" Division match in the same League, Shum Chun Club defeated Y.M.C.A. "B" team by 45 points to 35, after leading 21-18. The winners completely dominated

play during the second period.

## CANTON UNIVERSITY

	Goals	Foul	No. of Fouls
Fong Chack-hong	8	0	0
Kam Po-pak	1	0	1
Lee Ching-sing	2	1	1
Ng Sum-chau	2	0	4
Wong Po-ken	2	0	0
Chan Cheung-fu	1	0	1
Leung Kong-kueng	10	1	0
Total Points	54		

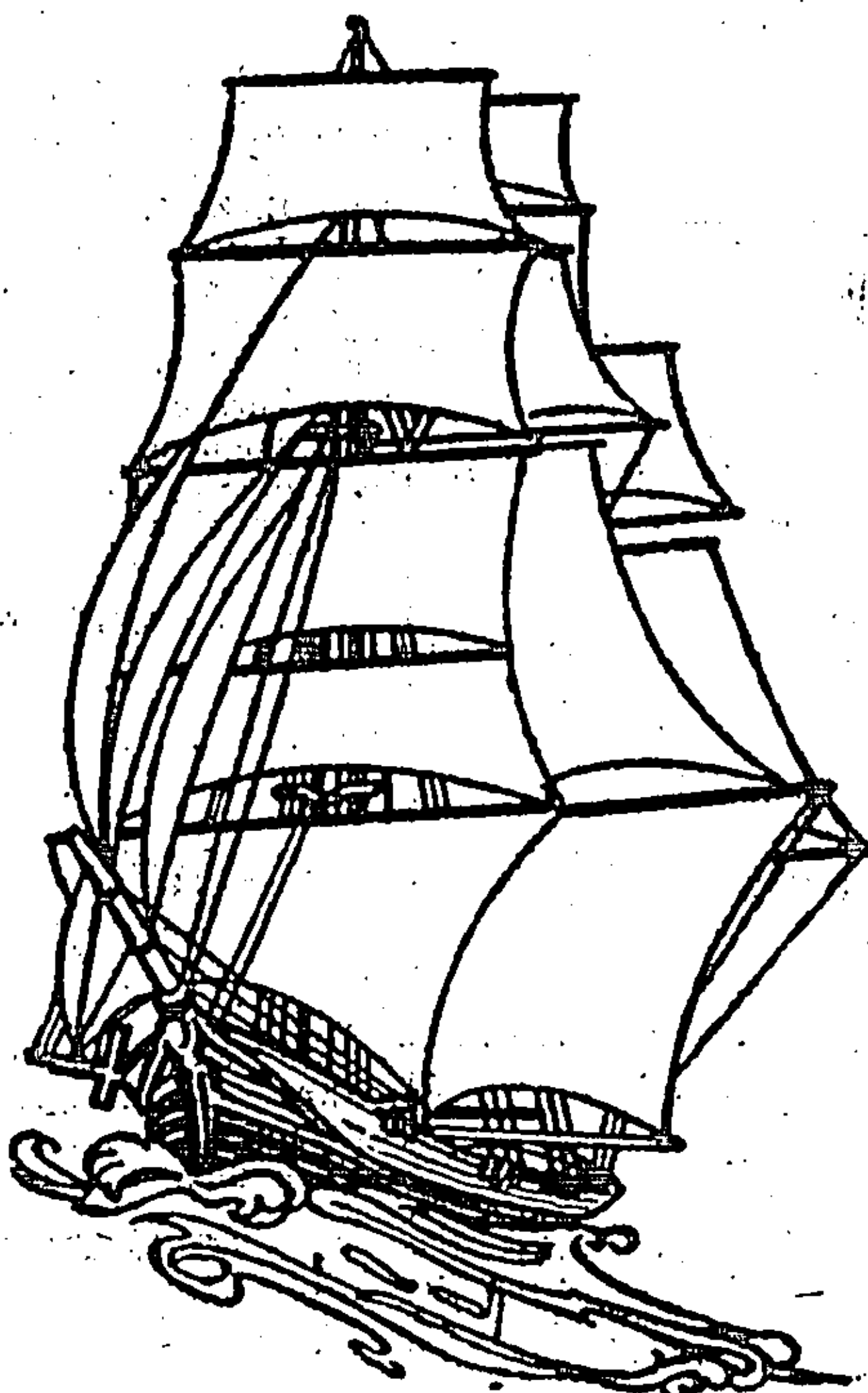
## WAH KUI CLUB

	Goals	Foul	No. of Fouls
Fu Hal-chen	0	1	0
Cheung Ip-lam	9	0	0
Ip Fat-cheung	5	0	0
Poon Wing-ling	0	0	0
Chui Kim-chun	2	0	3
Ma Chen-chun	0	0	0
Total Points	33		

## HOME RUGBY

London, To-day.

In the semi-final replay for the Yorkshire Rugby League Cup, Wakefield beat Hull-Kingston Rovers by 8 points to 7.—Reuter.



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We hereby admit and agree that Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., registered in England, and its subsidiaries, Marconi (China) Ltd., registered in Hong Kong, and Marconi International Marine Communication Co. Ltd., registered in England, are British companies entirely managed and controlled by British subjects and are not in any way whatsoever Italian businesses or managed or controlled by Italians. We also admit that there is no truth whatsoever in the statement that these companies are being watched and closed by the Authorities.

We hereby tender our deep apologies to these Companies for these false and damaging statements and unreservedly withdraw such statements.

We also deeply regret that any such statement should have appeared in our papers.

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On the 11th. June, 1940, we also published a report dealing with Italy's entry into the war and the position of Italian businesses in Hong Kong, at the conclusion of which we stated as follows:—

"There have been many Italians doing business in Hong Kong. One of the larger business firms is Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. which has announced the closure of its business."

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Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (alterbeds)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Talmoshan	5124
Kowloon Peak	1971



# HOME GOVERNMENT'S THANKS

It was announced in Legislative Council this afternoon that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has cabled Hong Kong:—

"His Majesty's Government will gratefully accept proposed further contribution of £100,000 from Hong Kong public funds towards prosecution of the war and request you will express their thanks to members of Council when vote is approved."

## WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC

Word has reached the Colony that Mr. Charles A. Waggoner, of the American Express Company, and Miss Anna Wright, of Texas Co (China) Ltd, were local winners of the recently held World Bridge Olympic.

Partnered against the champions were Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. T. J. Houston. The couple that won were North and South.

This information was sent to Mr. Horace Lo, and signed by Committee-man Mr. Geoffrey Mott-Smith.

## GERMANS TAKE OVER GENERAL MOTORS PLANT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.  
The Nazi Government has taken over the General Motors factory in Germany for the manufacture of war munitions, the U.S. Department of War was informed yesterday. When war broke out, the Germans ordered the plant to make munitions; the staff refused and resigned. The Germans took over the plant.—Havas.

## AUSTRALIA AND AIR TRAINING SCHEME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Melbourne, To-day.  
The Federal Labour Party has approved the full participation of Australia in the Empire air training scheme. The Party also discussed a 100 per cent tax on war profits.—Havas.

## COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING IN MEXICO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mexico City, To-day.  
Proposals for the reorganisation of the Mexican army on the basis of compulsory military training were submitted to the Mexican Cabinet by President Cardenas.—Havas.

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The "Daily Mail" in a leader headed "Terms for France" says already the stunned silence that followed the military defeat and the Government capitulation is being broken. Influential voices are urging a fight to a finish. One hard historical fact remains. It is that the French, since they became a nation, have never submitted to a foreign conqueror. They have always stubbornly resisted and they have always risen again.—Reuter.

Montreal, To-day.  
The Canadian Fascists planned to take over Canada "some time in 1940" according to documents seized in recent police raids and introduced when charges were heard against Adrian Arcand, the Canadian 'Fuhrer' and ten others.

The Crown-Prosecutor stated that the plan covered eight pages and detailed minutely how the Dominion's finances would be handled. Another document seized said that Party would have a trained and uniformed army of 70,000 men in Canada if its ambitions were realised.—Reuter.

London, To-day.  
A "Times" leader headed "The Garrison" this morning says that concerning France it would serve no good purpose to speculate upon the course of events during ensuing days or hours. Meanwhile our duty is to turn this island into a fortress and base for future operations. It urges extensive training for the registered classes both for the army, air force and navy, and if arms are lacking, training with improvised weapons until they are available. There is every reason to believe that with unceasing vigilance and effort this garrison can not merely repel assaults by the enemy but form a base for constant, successful assaults of our own. Every citizen is now a member of a garrison not in the sense in which the Germans are already interpreting the phrase in an attempt to justify indiscriminate attacks but in the sense that our first duty if we cannot be combatants is to avoid handicapping those who are combatants.—Reuter.

London, To-day.  
The "News Chronicle" commenting on the Nazi air raids on Britain, says now that the storm is breaking over us we shall certainly not be found wanting in those qualities of fortitude and patience which the men and women of other lands have shown. The "Daily Express" says it is a harsh and a terrible thing to say but civilians' homes are in the battlefield now. It urges the immediate despatch of children abroad. A worker in a big coastal city can no more expect to have his family with him than the fighter in the front line.—Reuter.

London, To-day.  
Six are known to have been killed and 60 injured in the Nazi night raids. Damage was done to three towns. At least three enemy bombers were downed.—Reuter.

According to vernacular reports this afternoon, a vessel, the "Siu Kwang Tung" on a voyage from Hanoi to Hong Kong was stopped by a Japanese warship. Blue-jackets boarded the ship and photographed the crew and passengers.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo was informed in Legislative Council this afternoon that the Education Ordinance and the Regulations made under it do not apply to Government schools, and no survey of Government schools has been made for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent they conform to those regulations.

"It can be said however that the general standard of hygiene and sanitation in Government schools is well up to the regulation requirements. In the three schools particularly mentioned (Queen's College, Wanchai School and Saiyungpun Vernacular School for Boys), there are however a few rooms which do not conform to the regulations. Those rooms are deficient as regards ventilation and lighting.

It is proposed to enforce the Regulations against private schools, the Government spokesman stating:—

The general standard of hygiene and sanitation in Government schools is satisfactory and far superior to the general standard in private schools. Moreover in Government schools the number of pupils in a class is ordinarily limited to 30, as compared with the permissible 45 (in practice often exceeded) in private schools.

London, To-day.  
Gunfire and explosions were heard in north-east England where bombs were dropped during the night raids. British fighter planes were in action and the sound of machinegun fire was heard for a considerable time. The raiders also met heavy anti-aircraft fire from the ground defences. The all clear was sounded after 3¼ hours in one north-east England area.—Reuter.

Montevideo, To-day.  
Military forces have been increased at important strategic points in Uruguay as a precaution against Nazi reaction to the report of the parliamentary committee disclosing a Fifth Column military plot against Uruguay.—Reuter.

Cairo, To-day.  
Addressing the Chamber of Deputies, the Prime Minister, Ali Maher Pasha, declared that the country might rest assured that the Government would never adopt a policy other than the maintenance of Egypt's independence and rights and at the same time fulfilment of our obligations.

He added: "The task is grave. I appeal for all help for the Government to carry out its duty towards the Fatherland at this critical hour. I repeat before the Chamber that the Government is eager that Egypt should fulfil her obligations and co-operate with her great ally in a spirit of friendship and sincerity." The speech was greeted with loud cheers.—Reuter.

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